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I'm writing in response to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's comments. I was disappointed that the EPA submitted comments against having the Pollution Control Board approve the Clean Vehicle Rules.

I had the privilege of attending both public comment periods that the PCB held on these rules. At those hearings people shared public comments that I will remember for the rest of my life. A man with a double lung transplant shared that he has an expected life span of about 10 more years, and when you have that amount of time, quality of life is a big deal. Polluted air keeps him from being able to live to his fullest. A mom talked about her experience navigating her son's asthma, and how once they moved out of the city, his symptoms became much more manageable. A high school student shared that he has asthma, and that half of his class has asthma.

The Illinois EPA did not speak to the health or environmental benefits of clean vehicle standards in their comments. I urge the PCB to consider health and environmental benefits when making a final decision about these rules. Adopting these rules will be a win for the climate, for our health, and will build clean energy jobs in Illinois. A report from the Respiratory Health Association found that diesel pollution was projected to result in 400 premature deaths in 2023 alone. Our air is killing us, and you have the power to change things.

Thank you,

Caroline