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May, Environment Illinois Continue Fight for Clean Car Standards

SPRINGFIELD – State Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park) is pleased to announce that Illinois has joined with 14 other states in a lawsuit against the United States Environmental Protection Agency to allow individual states to implement their own independent standards for automobile pollution.

“The EPA has refused to give states permission to enforce clean car standards aimed at reducing vehicle emissions, including global warming pollution,” said May. “I am proud that Illinois is joining with 14 other states to demand more efficient vehicle standards.”

The federal Clean Car Act of 1990 allows states with poor air quality to adopt emission standards higher than those federally mandated after obtaining a waiver from the EPA. However, the EPA for two years has refused to approve any state proposals which require stricter emission standards for new vehicles. To lower emissions in Illinois, May sponsored HB 3424, the Illinois Clean Car Act, to require stricter standards for automobiles beginning with model year 2011.

“The longer we wait to lower pollution the more harmful the impact will be to Illinois and the nation,” May said. “I urge the EPA to allow states to protect the environment by adopting stronger emission standards and will continue to be a strong voice for environmental issues in Illinois.”

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