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Rep. Feigenholtz urges Illinois EPA to Reconsider Decision to Close Chicago Emissions Testing Facilities

Chicago – On the heels of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s (IEPA) decision to close two Chicago vehicle emissions testing facilities, State Representative Sara Feigenholtz, along with many of her colleagues are urging the state agency to reconsider the move. The closures are part of a new agreement between the IEPA and a company contracted to perform the mandatory tests on gasoline powered vehicles manufactured after 1996 that are four years or older.

“To not have at least one of these testing facilities located in the biggest city in Illinois and the third largest city in America lacks common sense,” said Rep. Feigenholtz. “It’s one thing to mandate that people have these vehicles tested and another to make them drive at least an hour to have the test performed.”

Rules under the Federal Clean Air Act which dictates certain aged vehicles be tested every two years also say that vehicle emissions testing facilities be located at least 12 miles from motorists who own vehicles needing the test.

Feigenholtz has reached out to Illinois EPA Director Alec Messina to ask the state agency to find a way to keep at least one of the two Chicago emissions testing locations open.

Effective November 1, 2016, the EPA will close the remaining two testing facilities in Chicago located at West Forest Preserve Drive and W. Webster Ave. For more information on other vehicle testing locations visit www.illinoisairteam.com.

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