



Support the Warehouse Pollution Reduction Act – SB3732 (Ventura) / HB5600 (Ortiz)

Accountability and clean air for communities, families, and workers

Rapid growth of e-commerce has led to larger and more warehouses across Illinois. These facilities bring constant diesel truck traffic and heavy equipment emissions that pollute the air with nitrogen oxides and fine particulate matter, pollutants associated with asthma, heart disease, cancer, stroke, and premature death. Today, warehouse workers and nearby residents breathe some of the most polluted air in the state.

Health Impact

Diesel pollution in Illinois has been linked to:

- 7,200 new childhood asthma cases every year
- Hundreds of premature deaths annually
- Billions of dollars in medical costs and lost productivity

Growth Without Safeguards

E-commerce growth has reshaped land use and freight movement across the state:

- More than 1 billion square feet of warehouses statewide
- Generating ~683,000 truck trips a day
- 1 in 4 Illinoisans – 3.7 million people – live within a half-mile of a large warehouse

Workers and neighbors face continuous exposure with little to no say in siting or operations.

Unequal Burdens

Warehouses are often concentrated in communities along industrial corridors already overburdened with air pollution:

- Environmental justice communities contain 41% of large warehouses in only 1.3% of the state's land
- Hispanic/Latino residents are 1.7 times more likely to live near a warehouse
- 85% of temporary warehouse workers are Black or Latino

The Warehouse Pollution Reduction Act

Creates a points-based warehouse pollution transparency and accountability program:

- **Reduce diesel pollution**
 - Enforceable pollution reduction requirements such as zero-emission trucks, charging infrastructure, and on-site renewable energy
 - Faster timelines in the most overburdened communities
- **Protect neighborhoods**
 - Mandatory buffers between large warehouses and homes, schools, and hospitals
 - Meaningful community participation in permitting decisions
- **Create transparency**
 - Public registry of warehouse locations, truck activity, and compliance in pollution reduction
- **Support workers**
 - Require worker consultation on pollution reduction plans and promote local, high-quality jobs

This bill does not regulate trucks – it ensures large facilities that generate pollution take responsibility for reducing impacts on workers and nearby communities.

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