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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 1970, Congress enacted the Clean Air Act to
3 improve air quality and reduce air pollution; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1977, the Clean Air Act was amended and
5 broadened to include an Inspection and Maintenance program; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1983, the USEPA began formal sanctions to
7 withhold federal highway funding from Illinois for failure to
8 meet ozone health requirements; and

9 WHEREAS, In response, Public Act 83-1477 created an
10 Inspection and Maintenance program, which began in 1986 and is
11 known as the Illinois Vehicle Emissions Testing Program; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois tests the emissions of certain
13 gasoline-powered vehicles that are more than 4 model years old;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, These tests are performed in Chicago and
16 Metro-East St. Louis areas that have exceeded federal air
17 quality standards; and

18 WHEREAS, The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
19 (IEPA) uses a contractor to perform these tests, and the

1 program's total cost is approximately \$50 million per year; and

2 WHEREAS, In calendar year 2000, the contractor performed
3 1,647,995 emissions tests, and 8.4% of the vehicles tested,
4 most of which had model years earlier than 1990, failed; and

5 WHEREAS, The last time this program was audited was in
6 2001; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we urge the Auditor General to conduct a management audit of
10 the Illinois Environmental Protections Agency's Vehicle
11 Emissions Inspection Program in the Chicago metropolitan and
12 East St. Louis areas and to make, at the close of that audit,
13 specific determinations related to: (i) IEPA monitoring of the
14 contractor; (ii) the training of the contractor's employees;
15 (iii) the effectiveness of the contractor's process for
16 responding to damage complaints; and (iv) the differences
17 between tests used in Illinois and those used in other states;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Office of the Auditor General submit its
20 findings to the House of Representatives as soon as is
21 practical after the conclusion of the audit.