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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Under the 2016 Volkswagen settlement, Illinois
3 will receive \$108.7 million in mitigation funds for local air
4 quality improvement projects; and

5 WHEREAS, The settlement funds provide an opportunity to
6 offset more than 40,400 tons of NOx pollution resulting from
7 illegal defeat devices in VW vehicles; and

8 WHEREAS, Mitigation investments should also seek to
9 protect and improve the quality of life for Illinois's most
10 vulnerable and disproportionately affected residents,
11 including children, the elderly, and environmental justice and
12 minority communities; and

13 WHEREAS, Illinois named the Illinois Environmental
14 Protection Agency as the designated Beneficiary to receive
15 funds and determine eligibility for projects receiving
16 funding; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois released its Draft Beneficiary
18 Mitigation Plan on February 28, 2018; and

19 WHEREAS, The people of Illinois have a right to be informed
20 as to how the money is spent and how effective the plan is at

1 reducing NOx emissions; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois Environmental Protection
5 Agency shall provide a written report on April 15 of each year
6 until the year after the funding has been fully disbursed that
7 includes a summary of the projects it has funded, the amount
8 expended for each, and the estimated level of reduced NOx
9 emissions; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the report filed with the General Assembly
11 shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk
12 of the House of Representatives in electronic form only, in the
13 manner that the Secretary and Clerk shall direct; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That the IEPA shall hold at least one public
16 meeting with the opportunity for public comment and questions
17 within 60 days of the release of the report to discuss the
18 report's findings.