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If $a, b, c > 0, 17a + 14b + 23c = 54$ then:

$$\sqrt{4a^2 + 2ab + 3b^2} + 2\sqrt{4b^2 + 2ab + 3c^2} + 3\sqrt{4c^2 + 2ab + 3a^2} \geq 18$$

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Lemma:

$$\forall x, y > 0 \sqrt{4x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2} \geq \frac{5x + 4y}{3}$$

Proof:

$$\sqrt{4x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2} \geq \frac{5x + 4y}{3}$$

$$\text{or } 9(4x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2) \stackrel{\text{squaring}}{\geq} 25x^2 + 16y^2 + 40xy$$

$$\text{or } 11x^2 - 22xy + 11y^2 \geq 0 \text{ or } 11(x - y)^2 \geq 0 \text{ true}$$

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$$\stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\geq} \frac{5a + 4b}{3} + 2 \cdot \frac{5b + 4c}{3} + 3 \cdot \frac{5c + 4a}{3} = \frac{1}{3}(17a + 14b + 23c) =$$

$$\stackrel{17a+14b+23c=54}{=} \frac{1}{3} \times 54 = 18$$

Equality holds for $a=b=c=1$.