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RE: Support for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Mr. Krause and Ms. Farr:

On behalf of California Communities Against Toxics, a coalition of environmental groups who have worked to reduce air pollution for over 30 years in California we are writing to support the South Coast AQMD's efforts to clean up appliance pollution through amending Rules 1111 and 1121. This proposed regulatory package will achieve more emissions reductions than any other effort passed in over three decades. The effort is also consistent with the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), which determined that "[t]he only way to achieve the required NO_x reductions is through extensive use of zero emission technologies across all stationary and mobile sources."¹ Given the serious air pollution in this region, these health gains from advancing zero-emissions are desperately needed for millions of people. We are deeply concerned that the proposal is being weakened by delaying compliance deadlines and many loopholes. We encourage staff to reject these efforts to reduce the efficacy of the rule. It is vital that these rules go to the Governing Board in a strong form and be adopted in February.

Our members face the health consequences daily of poor air quality and need our regulatory agencies to take concrete action to reduce pollution. Especially in areas of the South Coast Basin that are most highly impacted from multiple sources of pollution, we need to create incentives for early adopters of new zero emission technologies like microgrids, heat pumps, and other zero emissions technologies.

This is why we are so pleased to see the South Coast AQMD's Go Zero program take form. These incentives will be vital in hastening the transition away from combustion in our buildings. It is our understanding that the South Coast AQMD's Executive Officer has committed to a 5-fold increase in the \$21 million allocated to this program. It is vital the Board endorse this commitment via resolution to ensure \$100 million goes towards these incentives.

We appreciate AQMD staff's significant work on these proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121. Wrapping up this rulemaking process as soon as possible is vital, so we can work on the important aspects of transitioning away from combustion in our homes and our businesses.

¹ South Coast AQMD, 2022 AQMP, at Executive Summary.

Sincerely,

Jane Williams
Executive Director
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