Comment Letter #19

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Let me start by sharing with you that I am an environmentalist and can think of few things more important than the air we breathe. However, I am also a pragmatist with a family and monthly bills that struggles to get by in California. I heard about AQMP 2022 and started thinking about its vast implications to my pocketbook and to millions of others just like me. If you actually care about public input let me assure you that pretty much anyone shown the facts will think it’s a ludicrous waste to force the replacement of millions of gas appliances to make an insignificant difference in our air quality. You may not hear much from the public now because they are busy with their lives and have no idea of your plans, but if the day comes that millions of households and restaurants are forced to spend thousands for a fractional change there will be outrage and a deepened sense that California is hopelessly dysfunctional. This proposal plainly doesn’t give us much bang for the buck. The time is now for thoughtful choices to be made and you are at the helm for this challenge...please consider the burdens your policy can impose on us regular folks and look for other ways to improve the air we breathe without costing us the money we need to pay for the food we eat.

Thank you,
Reed Rothrock