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South Coast Air Quality Management District
Attention: Governing Board
21865 Copley Drive
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RE: Rule 1111

To Whom It May Concern.

I, Daniel Seeley, own and operate Dan Seeley's Heating & Air Conditioning. I am an HVAC contractor and have owned my business in the San Bernardino mountains since 1996. Additionally, I have resided in the San Bernardino mountains since 1980.

I do not agree with Rule 1111 that the SCAQMD has implemented for the San Bernardino mountains. This decision has not been resolved as we, HVAC contractors, have previously requested exemption due to strict and impossible guidelines imposed.

I understand we may be presented with an extension until December of 2021; however, I am requesting full exemption on Rule 1111 for multiple reasons. As I have stated before, the high-altitude encompasses extreme cold or hot temperatures. It is imperative to keep homes safe and warm with the successful operation of practical and efficient gas systems that have been run-tested for decades. Our temperatures can be below freezing points and the delay in attaining a unit due to lack of availability in the industry along with higher prices and less quality of heating and air conditioning, effects our businesses and community. To keep someone warm in an emergent situation, Rule 1111 does not suffice. This can be life-threatening as we have families of all ages, elderly and disabled, and the sick and diseased.

The San Bernardino mountains community has a very diverse income-based financial status. The new imposed equipment will leave a financial and quality of life impact as we have low-income families that rely on help from county, state, or federal funds. The proposed units that the SCAQMD board is pressuring us to use is not only unaffordable but does not meet the necessities of diverse homes built in the mountain. We need the up-flow furnaces that allow different sizes, variants, and zoning options.

In my experience, I have entered homes where individuals or families were relying on their cooking stove or oven to keep warm, insufficient portable heating, outdated heating units causing carbon monoxide poisoning, and online purchases of units that do not comply. This is all due to financial issues and in excess causes life-threatening situations.

Additionally, the proposed change will cause higher risks for our businesses to shut down due to lack of ultra-low Knox furnaces availability, especially during this Covid-19 pandemic.

In summary, this all brings my company to a lower level. But most of all, I have worked very hard to have an honest and successful business keeping my customers happy and taking care of my own family. Please exempt Rule 111 for Southern California high-altitude areas.

I would like to thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Seeley

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