



April 20, 2018

Dr. William Burke, Chairman
South Coast Air Quality
District Governing Board
21865 Copley Place
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Re: Proposed MHF Ban (Rule 1410)

Dear Dr. Burke,

On behalf of the more than 800,000 hardworking women and men who make up the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor and their families, I want to communicate my concerns regarding the proposed Rule 1410.

We represent thousands of members who live or work near the refineries that would be impacted by this rule, if enacted and it is for that reason I am weighing into this issue. I ask that you oppose the effort to ban modified hydrofluoric acid, commonly known as MHF.

We support any process to seek to improve safety of our communities. However, there has been no finding that MHF presents a risk to communities surrounding the refineries. In fact, this compound has been used safely for decades in these local refineries.

It is clear, however, that a ban of MHF will lead to the loss of tens of thousands of jobs for local people and cost our region millions of dollars in economic activity and revenue. We cannot dismiss these jobs or look at the women and men who work every day in our refineries as expendable: *because they are not.*

Please consider the human cost of this type of job loss to communities that cannot afford any more loss. We need to work together to create opportunities for Southern Californians to have the pride that comes with having a good job and being able to provide for their family. Please oppose the proposed ban on MHF.

We are happy to work with the AQMD as mitigation efforts are being discussed, but please, do not ban this compound that would lead to yet another erosion of good paying blue collar jobs.

In Solidarity,

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