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Hon. Vanessa Delgado, Chair  
South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board  
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Subject: Urgent Request for Deferral of Consideration for Proposed Amended Rule 1146.2:  
Mitigating Economic Impact on Korean Drycleaners Laundry Association

Dear Chair Delgado and Esteemed Governing Board Members,

We write to you on behalf of the Korean Drycleaners Laundry Association (KDLA), representing FKDA members nationwide and KDLA members in Southern California. Urgently, we request the deferral of consideration of Proposed Amended Rule 1146.2. KDLA members embody the dynamic essence of an underrepresented community, along with the resilience of small businesses that form the cornerstone of Southern California's economy.

Our primary concern revolves around the lack of outreach and awareness regarding PAR 1146.2. Many members only recently became aware of this rulemaking have significant concerns regarding its potential economic impacts and feasibility. We fear the potential consequences this rule could have on the economic viability of the minority community, KDLA and related businesses.

The implementation of PAR 1146.2 poses an existential threat to numerous KDLA members, potentially driving them out of business. The financial burden imposed by mandatory upgrades and retrofits could prove insurmountable for these small businesses, which are already grappling with the devastating economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Approximately 30% of Korean American cleaners in Southern California have already closed their doors due to the pandemic's repercussions. The additional costs associated with compliance could make this situation even worse, leading to further closures, job losses, and economic instability within our community and the state of California.

Moreover, PAR 1146.2 risks triggering a ripple effect throughout the local economy by imposing substantial financial burdens on property owners and managers. Increased utility expenses and the need for rent hikes to offset compliance costs would place additional strain on tenants, further dampening consumer spending and exacerbating economic challenges in our region. Furthermore, the potential closure of KDLA would not only eliminate vital employment opportunities but also erode the cultural fabric and social cohesion of our communities.

In light of these pressing concerns, we urgently request the SCAQMD Governing Board to postpone consideration of PAR 1146.2. Additionally, we implore the Board to instruct District staff to actively engage with our organization and other stakeholders to foster a comprehensive dialogue on the feasibility and economic implications of this proposed rule.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We stand ready to collaborate with you in finding equitable and sustainable solutions that prioritize both environmental and economic resilience in our region.

Sincerely,

Yoon Dong Kim  
President  
Korean Drycleaners Laundry Association Southern California

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yoon Dong Kim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Yoon" being the most prominent.