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August 4, 2026

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Hearing Board
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Submitted via email to
clerkofboard@aqmd.gov

Re: Order for Abatement Against Lineage Logistics, Continued Hearing of August 5, 2026

Dear Chair and Members of the South Coast AQMD Hearing Board,

As the State Senator representing Boyle Heights, unincorporated East Los Angeles, and the surrounding communities affected by the Lineage Logistics PFS, LLC warehouse fire, I urge the Hearing Board to grant the Order for Abatement against Lineage Logistics PFS, LLC and to hold the company accountable for the ongoing public nuisance created by this facility.

My constituents have endured overwhelming odors, pest infestations, and the daily indignity and hazard of living beside decomposing, fire-damaged materials. These are not minor inconveniences. Residents have been unable to open their windows or spend time outdoors, and many have been forced to run air purifiers and air conditioning around the clock, at their own expense, to keep their homes livable. Reports of escalating use of mobile clinics and emergency department visits, alarming health conditions, including respiratory illnesses, headaches, bloody noses, and nausea affecting small children have worsened.

These conditions fall on communities already burdened by decades of environmental injustice. Boyle Heights and unincorporated East Los Angeles should not have to bear the continued costs, health risks, and disruption of a private company's failure to promptly and fully remediate this site. The persistent odor and pest infestations do not respect jurisdictional boundaries, and neither should the urgency of this Board's response.

I ask the Hearing Board to:

- Grant a firm, enforceable Order for Abatement with clear, complete removal of debris and rotting material within 7 days. All debris and rotting materials must be removed by August 12, 2026, when children return to school.
- Condition any compliance schedule on continued mitigation for residents, including filtered air conditioning units, replacement air-purifiers and filters, and full cost for the added energy costs of running this equipment continuously and the full cost of housing, home remediation, as well as weekly financial assistance to meet the needs of residents during this ongoing emergency.
- Given your authority to enforce \$75,000 per day in penalties for air pollution violations, ensure any penalties or enforcement action reflect the severity and duration of the harm already experienced by this community, expedited enforcement, and substantial daily fines for each violation that will go back to help and heal the community.
- Continue to require Lineage Logistics PFS, LLC to report regularly and transparently on remediation progress to the Board and to the affected community.
- Hold an Order for Abatement Hearing in Boyle Heights within one week of August 5, 2026, at a time and location that allows the people living with this crisis every day to be heard directly and in person. Residents deserve to be heard. Scheduling this hearing during work hours, nearly thirty miles from Boyle Heights and in peak rush-hour traffic, does not reflect the seriousness of the harm this community has endured.

It is outrageous that my constituents are expected to endure these conditions while cleanup continues at the company's pace. I appreciate the Hearing Board's attention to this emergency and your consideration of the testimony of the residents who continue to live with the consequences of this fire every day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "María Elena Durazo".

MARÍA ELENA DURAZO
Senator, 26th District

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