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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Andrew Silva [REDACTED] Faye Thomas [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Proposed Infrastructure Rule Will Hurt California's Supply Chain

Dear Honorable AQMD Board Member Mayor Lock-Dawson,

My name is Devon Sulli and I represent NAIOP Inland Empire, which advocates on behalf of over 140 businesses across Riverside and San Bernardino Counties including manufacturers, retailers, logistics providers, and small businesses. We are writing to express serious concerns about the South Coast AQMD's proposed Infrastructure Rule.

As confirmed during a recent public workshop, this rule remains an **indirect source rule** – a regulatory framework that could lead to new fees, cargo caps, and supply chain disruptions. That is unacceptable for a business community already under strain.

Many of our members are facing **significant cost increases due to inflation and extreme tariffs on imported goods**. These pressures are driving up prices across the board, from raw materials to finished products, making it harder for businesses to compete and for families to afford everyday items. Adding another layer of costly and uncertain regulation would be a tipping point for many Inland Empire Cities and small business owners.

Southern California's economy depends on efficient cargo movement through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Any policy that threatens to divert cargo or slow down port operations directly impacts jobs, wages, and economic growth in our region.

We urge AQMD to abandon the indirect source rule approach and instead work with stakeholders on a **legally binding negotiated agreement** that protects both air quality and economic vitality. The business community is committed to being part of the solution, but we must have a seat at the table.

Sincerely,
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