



March 12, 2025

Hon. Vanessa Delgado, Chair
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

RE: OPPOSE – Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121 - as released February 28

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

On behalf of the California Senior Alliance, which is dedicated to championing the rights, well-being, affordability, and quality of life of California's seniors, we write to express our opposition to Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121.

Seniors, especially those living on fixed incomes, are among the most vulnerable to financial burdens. Many already struggle with the rising cost of healthcare, housing, and utilities, and the proposed amendments would only add to this strain.

The cost of appliance replacements and home retrofits required to accommodate the new technology could run into tens of thousands of dollars, an expense that is simply out of reach for most seniors. These costs would force seniors to make difficult choices between upgrading their homes and affording basic needs like food, medication, and healthcare.

Seniors who rent their homes will also be disproportionately affected. Landlords may pass the cost of retrofits onto tenants, driving up rents – potentially leading to displacement or forcing them to choose between housing and other essential needs.

While we respect the SCAQMD's efforts to improve air quality, the financial burden of these amendments, combined with the state's existing housing and energy crisis, will create undue hardship for the very residents who can least afford it.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully urge the Board to oppose Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwight E. Williams".

Bishop Dwight E. Williams
President

cc: Members of the Governing Board