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To: Jennifer Vinh
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

I am writing in support of the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121. I applaud AQMD's work to reduce NOX emissions, thereby reducing new asthma cases, hospital visits and premature deaths. Our air quality has vastly improved because of your historic efforts, but we still have some of the worst air quality in the nation.

We need to reduce NOx emissions by 67% by 2037 in order to avoid Federal sanctions for violation of the Clean Air Act. Those Federal sanctions could include loss of highway funding, a cost opponents ignore. These amendments will help meet the standards.

Many of the arguments in opposition to these amendments are economic hardship issues. I believe the economic impacts of NOT approving the amendments are more significant and far reaching. These amendments not only reduce NOx emissions but also greenhouse gas emissions. The economic impacts of climate change in the form of health maintenance costs, disaster recovery costs, and increased insurance premiums will far outweigh the short-term costs of electrification of residential heating. Owning a home will become even less attainable as insurance costs skyrocket. These economic impacts are not considered by the cities and individuals opposed to these rules.

AQMD has gone a long way to accommodate those who do not wish to comply with these necessary changes in how we heat our homes by allowing natural gas furnaces to be installed when mitigation fees are paid. In some respects, this goes too far and negates some of the benefits of these rules.

In the long run, these rules will save money and reduce emissions that impact our environment and our health.

Thank you for your efforts in providing better living conditions in our region.

Michael Selna, Huntington Beach