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Chair Delgado and Members of the Board  
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**RE: Agenda Item No. 28 - SUPPORT Moving Forward with Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121**

Dear Chair Delgado and Members of the Board,

California Environmental Voters is writing to express support the South Coast AQMD's efforts to clean up appliance pollution through amending Rules 1111 and 1121. This proposed regulatory package will achieve significant emission reductions that are desperately needed for our health. This effort is also consistent with the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), which determined that "[t]he only way to achieve the required NO<sub>x</sub> reductions is through extensive use of zero emission technologies across all stationary and mobile sources."<sup>1</sup> Given the serious pollution in this region, these health gains from advancing zero-emissions will benefit millions. Importantly, while these rule amendments are significantly weaker and more slowly phased in than previous versions, we still believe it represents an important step in pushing forward for cleaning up appliances in the region.

California Environmental Voters represents over 135,000 members, with a mission to protect and enhance the environment and the health of all California communities by electing environmental champions, advancing critical priorities, and holding policy makers accountable. EnviroVoters is strongly supportive of measures at South Coast AQMD that would deliver much needed relief for residents of the air basin. Pollution from everyday appliances that heat and cool homes and buildings is a source that the average person may not suspect, but one that has lasting impacts for health and the environment. The switch to zero-emission alternatives is much-needed, and the rollout provided in these rules is common-sense. We anticipate these rules to yield significant health benefits in the form of reduced health risks and prevented hospital visits, all while clearing up the air.

Moreover, communities in the Inland Empire have long been treated as sacrifice zones, bearing the brunt of warehouse pollution, freeway traffic, and toxic emissions from outdated appliances. Low-income and working-class neighborhoods that are predominantly home to communities of color

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<sup>1</sup> South Coast AQMD, 2022 AQMP, at Executive Summary.

are disproportionately exposed to harmful air quality, leading to higher rates of asthma, heart disease, and other debilitating health conditions. The South Coast AQMD has a moral obligation to act on passing rules that would lessen this air quality burden. Moving forward with these zero emission appliance rules is a critical environmental justice measure that will begin to correct decades of systemic neglect. The people of the Inland Empire, and the greater air basin, deserve clean air and strong public health protection now, not years down the line.

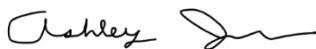
While opponents of the rule have sought to portray these rule amendments in a negative light, many of them have relied on misinformation. These efforts ignore the immense benefits that will accrue to the region from moving forward. For example, the agency's socioeconomic analysis shows that the only new jobs created by this rule are from new zero-emission appliances in the region. In addition, the health benefits of the rules are staggering. The agency itself has [estimated](#) that these rules will prevent **2,490 premature deaths**, and the health benefits of the proposal are estimated to be **\$25.43 billion**. We need the Governing Board to deliver these jobs and clean air benefits now.

We appreciate AQMD staff's significant work on these proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121. We are not aware of any other rule effort with as significant a public outreach effort in the history of the agency. We urge the Board to pass these rules in the interest of public health and socioeconomic benefits to residents of Southern California.

Sincerely,



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