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**From:** Anthony Cortez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:27 AM  
**To:** Michael Krause  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments on SCAQMD PAR 1111/1121

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Sincerely,

Anthony Cortez  
[REDACTED]  
Riverside, CA 92507  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** David Spry <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 12:10 PM  
**To:** Heather Farr  
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Dear Manager of PRDI Farr,

As a Regional Sales Manager, for a large HVAC Supply Warehouse, I believe the proposed amendments to (PAR) 1111 and 1121 from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) should not be adopted. The mitigation fee is impossible to implement. The manufacturers and distributors have no information about where their sold equipment is installed. Asking, and basically forcing, this reporting is not possible and would violate business privacy practices. Plus, the manufacturers the SCAQMD are forcing the mitigation fee onto aren't even in the air district's jurisdiction. By implementing this new mitigation fee, it would drive up the already high costs of gas, furnaces in the HVAC industry, making it next to impossible to be affordable for the homeowner.

Thank you for your time,  
David Spry

Sincerely,

David Spry  
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Upland, CA 91786  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** JOSE ERNESTO CASTRO MENESES <[REDACTED]>  
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JOSE ERNESTO CASTRO MENESES

[REDACTED]  
San Diego, CA 92126  
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Sincerely,

Gary Alleman  
[REDACTED]  
Anaheim, CA 92807  
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Sincerely,

Jeff Amato  
[REDACTED]  
Chino, CA 91708  
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Sincerely,

Jesse Williamson  
[REDACTED]  
Anaheim, CA 92807  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kate Nied <[REDACTED]>  
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Thank you for your time.

Kate Nied

Sincerely,

Kate Nied

[REDACTED]  
Corona, CA 92881  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Layne Miller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 12:10 PM  
**To:** Heather Farr  
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Dear Manager of PRDI Farr,

I am a lifelong resident of California and an HVAC business owner in California for more than 40 years. As a California HVACR professional, I believe the proposed changes to PAR 1111 and 1121 by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) violate the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) and should not be adopted. The rule would ban gas products for manufacturers not participating in the alternative pathway, and the mitigation fees for those who do participate would make gas products unaffordable. This effectively serves as a ban on fossil fuels, which is illegal under EPCA since space and water heaters have a federal energy standard, so no state regulations about a space and water heater's energy use (gas) can be adopted. This rule is effectively a ban on gas heating products and will cause great financial harm to the California Consumer if it is enacted.

Sincerely, Layne Miller

Sincerely,

Layne Miller

[REDACTED]  
Yorba Linda, CA 92886  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** melissa placentia <[REDACTED]>  
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Sincerely,

melissa placentia  
[REDACTED]  
Cathedral City, CA 92234  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Michelle Dawkins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:27 AM  
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Sincerely,

Michelle Dawkins  
[REDACTED]  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
[REDACTED]

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Thank You,  
Mike Schenk

Sincerely,

Mike Schenk  
[REDACTED]  
ANAHEIM, CA 92807  
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**From:** Mitch Haynam <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:27 AM  
**To:** Michael Krause  
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Dear Deputy Executive Officer Krause,

I am the General Manager of and HVAC company in Southern California, we have been servicing this area since 1969. As an HVACR industry professional, the proposed amendments to (PAR) 1111 and 1121 from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) should not be adopted. This rule will ban gas products if a manufacturer doesn't participate in the alternative pathway. And if they do participate in the alternative pathway, the mitigation fee will drive up the cost of gas products to the point that nobody can afford them. Creating a ban on fossil fuels and removing the consumer's choice between gas or electric products. Also it does not make sense to me to limit consumer choices and increase cost by eliminating one of the cleanest fuels available while going to more electrical usage, which So. Cal. is already short of and is not any more safe for the environment.

Thank you,  
Mitch Haynam

Sincerely,

Mitch Haynam  
[REDACTED]  
FULLERTON, CA 92831  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Pam Villanueva <[REDACTED]>  
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Pam Villanueva  
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Cathedral City, CA 92234  
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Ryan Brady

[REDACTED]  
El Cajon, CA 92020  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Steve Gaardsmoe <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 12:10 PM  
**To:** Heather Farr  
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Dear Manager of PRDI Farr,

My name is Steve Gaardsmoe and I am a Regional Manager for Sigler Wholesale who is the licensed distributor for Carrier, Bryant, and Payne air conditioning and heating equipment in Southern California. As a concerned Californian who works in the HVACR industry, I urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to not adopt the proposed amended rules to (PAR) 1111 and 1121. This rule would force manufacturers to pass on a \$500 mitigation fee for fossil fuel space and water heaters sold. This fee would cause manufacturers to pass down the cost to the distributors, who will then pass it to contractors, who will ultimately pass it on to home owners leading to another increase in cost for Californians.

The increased cost for Ultra Low NOx furnaces has already put a huge burden on consumers and tacking on another \$500 will be devastating.

The option to convert to a heat pump system is not always feasible as electrical panels need to be upgraded in most cases and some homeowners just need a furnace for heating their home so adding a complete heat pump system to accomplish that is ridiculously expensive.

Further, having the ban take affect immediately does not give the supply chain enough time to not only work through existing furnace inventory but to also ramp up heat pump and fan coil inventory to meet the changing demand.

Please reconsider this ban and the immediacy of implementation.

Sincerely,

Steve Gaardsmoe

[REDACTED]

Brea, CA 92821

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