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RE: Strong Support for Full and Timely Approval of Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Chair Delgado, Committee Chair McCallon, and Members of the Board:

On behalf of Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE), I am writing to respectfully urge your full and timely approval of proposed Rules 1111 and 1121 at the upcoming June 6 Board meeting. These vital clean air standards represent a long-overdue step toward reducing dangerous, health-harming pollution in our homes and communities by transitioning gas-fueled appliances to zero-emission alternatives.

WAVE is an Orange County-based organization committed to advancing progressive values through community engagement, civic participation, and policy advocacy. We work to empower women and families to take action on the issues that matter most — from climate justice to immigrant rights to democratic integrity. Clean air and a livable climate are foundational to the healthy, equitable future we strive to build.

The science and public health benefits are indisputable. Our region has endured the worst air quality in the nation for decades. Families in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color suffer the most, bearing disproportionately high rates of asthma, heart disease, and other respiratory illnesses. These rules are a necessary response to that injustice and a bold move toward a healthier, more equitable future.

Critically, the latest socio-economic impact analysis makes clear that these rules will not only save lives — they will also save money. Over time, households that transition to clean, electric appliances will see lower energy and maintenance costs, easing the financial burden on working families. Contrary to the fear and misinformation being spread by fossil fuel interests, this transition offers both environmental and economic benefits.

We urge the Board to stay the course and resist pressure to weaken or delay this essential action. Any further postponement only prolongs the harm to our air, our health, and our climate. Please act now to adopt Rules 1111 and 1121 in full, and affirm your commitment to science, justice, and clean air for all.

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of the millions of residents who are counting on bold and timely action.



With respect and urgency,

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