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South Coast Air Quality Management District
Governing Board of Directors
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Dear Board Members,

On behalf of California's 69th Assembly District, I am writing in strong support of Rules 1111 and 1121, which will improve air quality and health outcomes for countless households across the region. The proposed rules thoroughly balance the needs of residents, homeowners, and skilled labor partners involved in the transition to cleaner technology and appliances.

The 69th Assembly District faces significant air quality challenges from many sources including freeways, multiple goods movement corridors, ports, and refineries. Implementing these rules will help reduce the already overwhelming burden on residents who have higher rates of asthma and respiratory illnesses than elsewhere in the state. These rules alone are estimated to prevent 16,000 new cases of onset asthma.

As the technology and efficiency of these appliances continue to improve, the costs will similarly continue to fall. Additional support from programs like the Energy Efficient Home Improvement Tax Credit and the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate will help ensure every household is able to afford this transition. I encourage the Governing Board to continue supporting incentive programs and other opportunities to reduce upfront costs for newer technology, to ensure nobody is left behind and forced to suffer from ongoing poor air quality and worsening health outcomes.

Thank you again for your consideration, and thoughtful deliberation on these proposed rules. Thank you to the many advocates, health professionals, and businesses who have participated in this process, and constitute to make their voices heard. I look forward to your support, and passage of these proposed rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Lowenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Josh" being particularly prominent.

JOSH LOWENTHAL
Assemblymember, 69th District