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Hon. Vanessa Delgado, Chair South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765 ivinh@agmd.gov **Submitted Electronically** 

RE: OPPOSE - Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121 - as released February 28

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

On behalf of California Consumer Advocates for Affordability and Safety, a statewide organization dedicated to championing the rights and interests of consumers across California, we write to express our opposition to Proposed Amended Rules (PAR) 1111 and 1121.

As an organization dedicated to protecting consumers, we are deeply concerned about the financial burden the proposed amendments will place on Californians, who are already grappling with the highest cost of living in the nation.

California's cost of living crisis has reached unprecedented levels, with housing, utilities, and daily expenses consuming an ever-increasing portion of family budgets. Residents are already dealing with skyrocketing energy costs, an unreliable electrical grid, and frequent service interruptions. California's aging electrical grid and infrastructure are not equipped to handle additional demands.

Even under the new rule concept, PAR 1111 and 1121 place substantial costs on homeowners, renters, and small businesses. Many will face tens of thousands of dollars in expenses to upgrade to new technology standards – costs that are simply unaffordable for the majority of Californians.

While we recognize the importance of improving air quality, we must balance these goals with the practical realities of living in California. The financial burden of these amendments, combined with the state's existing affordability crisis, will create undue hardship for the very residents who can least afford it.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully encourage the Board to oppose Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121.

Sincerely.

Greg Van Dyke

Chairman

cc: Members of the Governing Board