



Chair Delgado and Members of the Governing Board
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RE: Strong Support for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Chair Delgado and Members of the Board:

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 policymakers accountable. As such, EnviroVoters is committed to rules that champion a transition away from polluting appliances in the interest of public health and climate change.

California Environmental Voters strongly support South Coast AQMD's efforts to clean up appliance pollution through amending Rules 1111 and 1121. The current proposal will achieve more emissions reductions than any other effort passed in over three decades. The effort is also consistent with the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), which determined that "[t]he only way to achieve the required NOx reductions is through extensive use of zero-emission technologies across all stationary and mobile sources."¹ Given the serious pollution in this region, these health gains from advancing zero-emissions are desperately needed for millions of people. We are deeply concerned that the proposal is getting weakened through delaying compliance deadlines and many loopholes. We encourage staff to reject these efforts to reduce the efficacy of the rule.

It is crucial that these rules go to the Governing Board in a strong form and be adopted in May. The adoption of these rule amendments is necessary to transition households and businesses away from appliances with known health harms. South Coast residents face a significant air pollution burden, and tackling Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) emissions will decrease formation of ozone and PM 2.5.

We appreciate AQMD staff's significant work on these proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121. Wrapping up this rulemaking process as soon as possible is vital, so we can work on the important aspects of truly transitioning away from combustion in our homes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gracyna Mohabir".

Gracyna Mohabir
Clean Air & Energy Regulatory Advocate

¹ South Coast AQMD, 2022 AQMP, at Executive Summary.