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South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
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Via Email: clerkofboard@aqmd.gov

SUBJECT: PAR No. 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural Gas Furnaces
PAR No. 1121 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural Gas Water Heaters

Dear Board of Directors:

The City of Temecula, a general law city of 109,000 residents located in Riverside County, opposes proposed regulations PAR No. 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural Gas Furnaces and PAR No. 1121 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural Gas Water Heaters. While the City recognizes the importance of improving air quality and reducing emissions to meet state and federal environmental goals, the proposed amendments would place a significant financial burden on our residents and businesses due to the high costs of new appliances, infrastructure upgrades, and installation requirements. There are also concerns regarding the technological readiness of zero-emission heating appliances in existing housing stock where retrofitting may be costly or infeasible. In addition, the proposed implementation timeline may not allow sufficient time for manufacturers and contractors to transition effectively, potentially leading to supply chain challenges and increased costs. The City does encourage a more measured approach that balances air quality improvements with economic feasibility, technological advancements, and equitable implementation strategies.

If you have any questions regarding the same, please do not hesitate to contact Randi Johl, Legislative Affairs Director, at 951-694-6421 or randi.johl@temeculaca.gov.

Sincerely,

Brenden Kalfus
Mayor

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Western Riverside Council of Governments
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