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Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board Members:

I write to you regarding proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121. SCAQMD's Stationary Source Committee will meet on Friday, December 20, 2024, to discuss the changes. The Board is then scheduled to take up the amendments for final approval on February 7, 2025.

While I share SCAQMD's commitment to improving air quality, these amendments pose significant challenges and unintended consequences for our communities. In particular, the replacement costs for appliances mandated under the proposed rules are prohibitively high and there may be a substantial strain on the energy grid as a result of the transition to electric appliances.

I urge SCAQMD to hold additional public hearings, receive further input from experts in the electrical field, and take more time to review this decision. It is critical that there be more consideration of financial assistance programs or incentives to mitigate the transition costs and that there is an opportunity to study potential impacts to our energy grid.

I would like to make myself personally available to your staff and members of your Board to discuss this matter and connect you with industry experts who may prove valuable to you during your decision-making process. You may contact me via email at tjh@gehled.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Hepburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tim" being particularly prominent.

Tim Hepburn
Mayor, City of La Verne
Board President, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments