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Mr. Krause and Ms. Farr
South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)
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RE: Support for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Mr. Krause and Ms. Farr:

The Glendale Environmental Coalition supports the South Coast AQMD's efforts to clean up appliance pollution through amending Rules 1111 and 1121. This proposed regulatory package will achieve more emissions reductions than any other effort passed in over three decades. It is also consistent with the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), which determined that "[t]he only way to achieve the required NO_x 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 strongly urge staff to reject efforts to delay compliance, or create loopholes that reduce the efficacy of the rule. It is vital that these rules go to the Governing Board in a strong form and be adopted in February.

Preventing the installation of new gas-powered equipment in the basin is a crucial step in transitioning from a gas-based economy to one that is sustainable and that supports a livable future. Adding new equipment that emits nitrogen oxides and other harmful air pollutants is counterproductive and incompatible with the SCAQMD's goals of achieving meaningful emissions reductions.

We support the SCAQMD's Go Zero Program, and urge the Board to issue a resolution providing for \$100 million to go toward these incentives. And, we urge the SCAQMD to wrap up the rulemaking process as soon as possible to allow the work of transitioning away from combustion in our homes to proceed!

Sincerely,

Elise Kalfayan, Board Member
Glendale Environmental Coalition

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