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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:

On behalf of LA Forward Institute, I write to support 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. The effort 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."

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 vital that these rules go to the Governing Board in a strong form and be adopted in February.

We remain pleased to see the South Coast AQMD's Go Zero program take form. These incentives will be really helpful in hastening the transition away from combustion in our buildings. It is our understanding that the South Coast AQMD's Executive Officer has committed to a 5-fold increase in the \$21 million allocated to this program. It is vital the Board endorse this commitment via resolution to ensure \$100 million goes towards these incentives.

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 key, so we can work on the important aspects of actually transitioning away from combustion in our homes.

LA Forward Institute is a multiracial, cross-class, intergenerational community of Angelenos who work for policies that will make our region a fair, flourishing place for everyone. Our civic education, community organizing, and policy advocacy work engages hundreds of thousands of people across Los Angeles County. Addressing air pollution and climate change in a real and comprehensive way is a top interest of our members and the people we engage.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Levitus", written in a cursive style.

David Levitus, Ph.D.
Executive Director
LA Forward Institute