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Mr. Krause and Ms. Farr

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)
21865 Copley Drive
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RE: Support for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Mr. Krause and Ms. Farr:

On behalf of **Shared Streets**, we 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 NOx 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.

Appliance pollution, specifically from gas-powered appliances such as furnaces and water heaters, is a significant contributor to poor air quality in our homes and communities. The emissions from these appliances are responsible for substantial levels of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and other harmful pollutants that worsen respiratory conditions like asthma and disproportionately impact vulnerable populations, including children and the elderly. Transitioning to zero-emission appliances is not just a necessary step for climate action—it is an urgent public health measure to protect our communities from the harmful effects of indoor and outdoor air pollution.



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

Sincerely,

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