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## **RE: Stationary Source Committee Agenda Item No. 2 – Strong Support for Appliance Rule Amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121**

Dear Chair Delgado, Committee Chair McCallon, and Members of the Board:

**Shared Streets** strongly supports the South Coast AQMD's crucial efforts to reduce appliance pollution through the adoption of zero-NOx standards. Amending Rules 1111 and 1121 to achieve zero-NOx for furnaces and water heaters is an opportunity to secure the most impactful emissions reductions in over 30 years. This action is essential for the health of our communities and aligns with the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), which makes clear 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."

We were in attendance at the December meeting and spoke to urge the amendment of Rules 1111 and 1121. It was clear that this issue is critical for improving air quality in our region, and we continue to stand in strong support of these much-needed changes. We need you, as a strong regulator, to prioritize public health over continued delay and resistance. The current proposal developed by staff addresses concerns from critics while still moving us toward cleaner, healthier air. The continued pushback from opponents is both unwarranted and detrimental. It is time to act decisively—our region's health and environmental future depend on it.



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After over a year of thorough vetting, the staff have crafted a reasonable compromise that allows for the continued sale of fossil-fuel appliances for those who choose them but simultaneously promotes the deployment of zero-emission technologies. This balanced approach must move forward without delay. However, there are two critical ways the proposal can and should be further strengthened:

1. **Increase compliance percentage targets** for manufacturers to ensure a more rapid transition to cleaner technologies.
2. **Adjust mitigation fees** to reflect the true emissions impacts, incentivizing the adoption of zero-emission appliances.

We cannot afford to delay bold steps that will protect the air we breathe and the health of our communities. We urge you to adopt these stronger zero-NOx standards and set an example for leadership in clean air policy.

Thank you in advance for your consideration

Sincerely,

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