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Mr. Krause and Ms. Farr
South Coast Air Quality Management District
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Via Email: mkrause@aqmd.gov; hfarr@aqmd.gov

American Lung Association Support for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Mr. Krause and Ms. Farr:

The American Lung Association writes in support of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's efforts to further reduce pollution from appliances through amendments to strengthen Rules 1111 and 1121. This proposed regulatory package and focus on zero-emission, non-combustion technologies will provide significant relief to the region's air quality and public health challenges. We urge approval of these lifesaving proposals without further delay.

The South Coast region is home to the most difficult air pollution challenges in the United States, ranking as the nation's most ozone-impacted metropolitan region in our "State of the Air" 2024 report. The health impacts of ozone pollution are well known and represent a serious concern for the millions of residents in the region living with asthma and other respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses, children, seniors, residents with lower incomes, people of color and others at greater risk due to unhealthy air.

At a minimum, the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121 are needed to achieve clean air standards in the region but can also serve as a strong model framework for a statewide program – both local and statewide actions are vital for public health. The district's estimated benefits demonstrate that the proposals represent an important public health intervention to save lives and reduce suffering throughout the region, including:

- 4,000 lives saved over the course of implementation,
- 16,000 cases of asthma avoided, and
- 4,000 emergency room visits avoided.

To bring these potential health benefits online in communities throughout the South Coast region, the American Lung Association supports timely adoption and implementation of the strongest possible 1111 and 1121 rules without further delay. We also appreciate and support the district's efforts to expand the "Go Zero" incentive funding available to accelerate the transition away from combustion and toward zero-emission technologies with an emphasis on equitable outcomes. Please contact Will Barrett at William.Barrett@Lung.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Will Barrett".

Will Barrett
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