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South Coast Air Quality Management District Hearing Board
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Order for Abatement: Sunshine Canyon Landfill

Dear SCAQMD Hearing Board,

I am writing in strong support of the Order of Abatement for odor violations at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. For far too long, residents of the San Fernando Valley have endured overwhelming and persistent noxious odors, and immediate enforcement action is necessary to address this ongoing issue.

In 2024 alone, the community filed **2,187 complaints**, resulting in **65 Notices of Violation**. Already in 2025, there have been **118 complaints** and **three Notices of Violation**—a clear indication that the problem persists. This is simply unacceptable.

I have continuously pushed for accountability and action to control these odors. In April 2024, I called for an independent audit of the landfill to hold the operator accountable. This attached audit engaged an independent technical expert to assess the odor issues, evaluate which remediation measures have been effective, and provide recommendations for both near- and long-term operational improvements to eliminate the odors. I urge you to take these recommendations under consideration. Additionally, I convened a regular Sunshine Canyon Inter-Agency Working Group to meet regularly until these issues are fully resolved. I appreciate South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff for their active participation in that group.

While I remain committed to working toward a solution, SCAQMD has the authority and responsibility to take decisive action to protect public health. I strongly urge SCAQMD to hold Browning-Ferris Industries accountable and issue an Order of Abatement focused on clear remediation actions.

Sincerely,

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