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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 the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County, I am writing to express support for the South Coast AQMD's efforts to reduce appliance pollution through amending Rules 1111 and 1121. These proposed amendments represent a historic opportunity to achieve critical emissions reductions in alignment with the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), which concluded 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." In a region facing severe pollution, these health and environmental benefits are urgently needed by millions of residents.

The League of Women Voters has long supported policies and actions promoting the electrification of appliances and vehicles to meet the California Renewable Portfolio Standards. Specifically, the League's **Climate Action Policy** advocates for:

- Mandating all-electric appliances in new construction for homes, offices, and commercial properties;
- Retrofits of municipal and county buildings to rely exclusively on renewable energy; and
- Incentives to retrofit private structures for renewable energy supply and energy efficiency.

We appreciate the inclusion of the Go Zero program, which aligns with these goals. Increasing its funding from \$21 million to \$100 million is critical to support an equitable and timely transition away from combustion in buildings. We urge the Governing Board to endorse this commitment via resolution to ensure its realization.

We are deeply concerned, however, about efforts to weaken the proposal through delayed compliance deadlines and loopholes. To meet the region's health and climate goals, it is vital that Rules 1111 and 1121 go to the Governing Board in February 2025 in their strongest form, without compromises that undermine their efficacy.

Finally, we urge South Coast AQMD to prioritize equity in implementation, ensuring that low-income and underserved communities can access the benefits of cleaner air and improved infrastructure.

We commend AQMD staff for their diligent work on these amendments and encourage swift action to finalize this process. A clear and decisive timeline for rulemaking and implementation will be critical to accelerating the transition to zero-emission technologies.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margo A. Reeg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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