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## Contact Form

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### Message:

**As a long time resident of Huntington Beach, I am writing to voice my opposition to the Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121. I already live in an area subject to the SCAQMD's strict requirements for Ultra-low NOx emitting water heaters and furnaces. I am opposed to further banning or restricting gas-fueled appliances for existing homes, as is proposed. Furnaces and water heaters are essential appliances in every household. Driving the costs higher through mandates and bans is**

**not fair to lower-income residents. Consumers should be incentivized to adopt these theoretically lower-emission technologies, but they should not be mandated to do so, and traditional gas-fueled products should not be "banned" or removed from the market. This simply serves to limit choice and drive up consumer prices. Furthermore, when such an appliance breaks down, replacement is typically urgent, stressful, and already very costly. It is not appropriate to force homeowners in need of an urgent replacement to suddenly have to search for electrical contractors to simultaneously replace their electrical panels and wiring in order to accomplish the installation of an electric water heater, furnace, or heat pump. Consumers should have the freedom to do a like-for-like replacement when one of these products breaks down and needs replacement. Even an exception for repairs is not sufficient -- it will drive homeowners to continue to "put bandaids" on problems, when a more cost effective long-term solution is replacement with a brand new similar unit. It may be reasonable to mandate these changes in brand new construction, but not for existing homes making periodic maintenance replacements. Thank you for your consideration of this viewpoint. Regards, Jesse Biebesheimer Homeowner Huntington Beach, California**