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Dear Chairman Burke and SCAQMD Governing Board:

I am writing in regards to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Refinery Committee meeting on January 20, 2018 about Proposed Rule 1410 and the possible ban or phase-out of Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF).

I am opposed to any proposed ban or phase-out of Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF).

Oil production and refining have been a part of the California economy for generations. It is a key economic engine for the state, helping to power our high quality, mobile way of life.

Banning MHF could result in two Southern California refineries closing their doors—if this were to happen, it would likely cost the state thousands of jobs and cause higher gasoline prices at the pump for consumers across California.

It is my understanding that HF has been in use for over 250 years and in many other industries to make common consumer products such as computers, I-phones, and pharmaceuticals and that there are 89 U.S. refineries that have alkylation units and of those, well over half use HF or MHF. The two California refineries use the modified version of HF.

California refineries adhere to the strictest regulations in the world and employ safety measures to protect their workers and the communities that surround them. PR 1410 should focus on enhancing these measures, while ensuring California refineries are able to remain in business to produce the energy we need to sustain our economy.

Banning MHF is unnecessary and is the wrong approach to refinery safety. I respectfully urge you and the SCAQMD Governing Board Members to oppose any such ban or phase-out.

Thank you.

Sincerely,