# PROTECT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY & WORKERS



# OPPOSE SOUTH COAST AQMD'S JOB-KILLING WAREHOUSE RULE

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) will soon vote on a misguided plan (Proposed Rule 2305) that would impose major financial penalties on operators of large warehouses that cannot transition to zero-emission or near-zero-emission trucking fleets. This will hurt the region's economy and potentially cost thousands of good jobs at a time when Southern California communities are struggling to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.



#### MASSIVE BLOW TO OUR REGION'S VITAL LOGISTICS & WAREHOUSING INDUSTRIES

The logistics and warehousing industry moves more than \$1.7 trillion in goods across the region, supporting businesses throughout Southern California. At a time when our region is working to recover from the pandemic, we cannot afford to jeopardize one of the most important drivers of economic growth in our communities.



#### JEOPARDIZING THOUSANDS OF GOOD JOBS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

The logistics and warehousing industry supports more than 850,000 jobs in the region. Imposing unworkable new restrictions on warehouses and other logistics businesses would jeopardize jobs for hard-working Southern Californians and hurt many families at a time when they can least afford it.



### A DISPROPORTIONATE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Communities of color in Southern California, which have already experienced the worst effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, will face the greatest impact of logistics and warehouse industry job losses if Proposed Rule 2305 is enacted. Black and Hispanic workers make up two-thirds of warehousing industry jobs, meaning these communities would be hurt the most.



#### A NEW TAX ON CONSUMERS

The high costs of complying with these new rules for businesses could ultimately get passed on to Southern California shoppers in the form of higher prices for everyday items and essential goods on store shelves — essentially a new tax on consumers.



## WE NEED A REAL APPROACH FOR SOLVING REAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Proposed Rule 2305 is an unworkable plan that would fail to improve our region's air quality and come at the direct expense of Southern California's workers and economy. Curbing emissions is an important goal, which is why our communities cannot afford such an untested plan that would be impossible to comply with and would ultimately set back the region's sustainability efforts.



