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Dear California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment:

I live in Long Beach, CA in the Cal Heights neighborhood. I have lived here 3 years. I have noticed how bad the air pollution is here. I move to Cal Heights from Lakewood, CA. Our current residence shows greater air pollution than our previous residence.

I have black soot on my windowsills daily. I vacuum regularly and have 3 HEPA air purifiers running in my home continuously. I sometimes acknowledge how tired I am from cleaning all the time.

My son had a seizure in September during the time of the Pasadena fires. The air was so bad; smoke and ash came in the home. I asked the doctor's who helped my son if his seizure was caused from bad air quality from the fires, they said probably not that it was more likely triggered from his Autism. I do have the South Coast Air Quality MD app on my phone. The meter that day was in the red; almost 200. He had a seizure that night 11 pm. He has never had a seizure before this one.

I am concerned about the pollution in my neighborhood. I thought that when I moved here the air pollution situation could be temporary. Time has proved me wrong. Every day the black soot is here. I do think about where the air pollution comes from. I understand we have a lot of industry nearby and the ports are not far away. The SCAQMD app provides information on current investigations and alerts. I can also see what pollutants are current and what quality our air is that day.

I attended courses at California State University Dominguez Hills in Health Science. The topic of environmental factors affecting the health of our population is great. I thought to comment on this topic to share my concern as a resident of Long Beach.

Sincerely,

Rene Hurst