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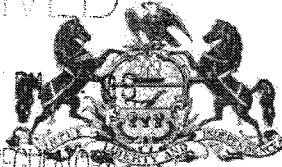
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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Dear Chairman Hanger and Board Members:

I would like to voice my strong opposition to the proposed regulation of outdoor wood-fired boilers. I am enclosing several letters that I have received in addition to telephone calls, in-person comments, and e-mails.

As a legislator representing a predominantly rural district of Pennsylvania, I am being contacted by numerous constituents who are very concerned about the proposed regulations. Given that wood is easily accessible, provides reliable heat, and is generally less expensive than other energy such as electricity, natural gas, propane, oil, etc., many residents of the northern tier have installed outdoor wood-fired boilers. The proposed regulations will impose unnecessary and costly changes on many of these residents.

I believe that the regulation of outdoor wood-fired boilers should be left to local municipalities - many of which have already enacted ordinances to control the installation and use of these boilers. The Commonwealth's intention to police another aspect of our citizens' lives is overstepping the state's authority.

Sincerely,

Matthew E. Baker  
State Representative  
68<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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Enclosures

cc: Concerned Citizens