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Environmental Quality Board
Rachel Carson State Office Building
16th Floor, 400 Market Street
Harrisburg PA 17101-2301

Dear Environmental Quality Board:

I am writing on behalf of many of my constituents that choose to heat their homes with outside wood burners.

The Department of Environmental Protection has proposed a regulation that operators of existing OWBs would be required to ensure that the stack height complies with the requirements of the proposed rulemaking. Therefore, operators of existing OWBs may be required to extend the height of the existing stack. Excessive chimney height requirements are costly, time consuming and may prevent a large number of owners from being able to comply.

I ask that the seasonal restrictions and the opacity requirements that are also being proposed be reconsidered for existing owners. I am requesting that the retroactive requirements of these proposed regulations be eliminated and applied to new installations only.

Thank you in advance of your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions or would like to contact me regarding this issue, please contact my office at 787-3532.

Sincerely,

Gary Haluska
State Representative
73rd Legislative District

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