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From: Debbie Norris [norris@shol.com]
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

As an owner of an outdoor wood burner in Pennsylvania, I would like to express concern with the regulations proposed by the PA Environmental Quality Board (EQB). Before I installed my outdoor wood burner, I heated my home with an oil furnace. Two years ago I had to purchase home heating oil at a price of \$4.00 per gallon. At that point I decided to look for an alternative source of heat. I looked at many options and eventually settled on an outdoor wood burner. I chose the outdoor wood burner because it allowed me to use wood and coal produced in Pennsylvania for fuel instead of expensive foreign oil that funds terrorism. I also feel that the outdoor wood burner is a safer alternative to the oil furnace because the fuel is burnt outside the house.

I believe that outdoor wood burners are not appropriate for use in cities and towns where homes are located in very close proximity to each other. However, outdoor wood burners can be a very economical, efficient and safe heating solution in many parts of rural Pennsylvania. The statewide regulations that the PA EQB is proposing may be appropriate for a small number of locations in Pennsylvania, but are too restrictive to be feasibly implemented by outdoor wood burner owners in most other locations. In particular, the proposed chimney height requirements and requirements regarding the location of outdoor wood burners in relation to the property line will be impossible to meet for many outdoor wood burner owners. For these reasons, I believe that the PA EQB should not impose statewide regulations on the use of outdoor wood burners and allow local municipalities to retain the authority to establish and enforce regulations concerning the use of outdoor wood burners that are suitable for the local area.

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