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REVIEW COMMISSION

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Re: Proposed Rulemaking [25 PA. Code CHS. 121 and 123] Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers

Dear Board,

Please do not proceed with your proposed rulemaking regarding outdoor wood-fired boilers. I believe this would be unacceptable for our Commonwealth for the following reasons:

Wood is a renewable resource fuel that has been safely used since the beginning of recorded history.

Emissions from burning wood does not harm the environment. Burning fossil fuels harm the environment by adding greenhouse gas to the atmosphere.

The proposed regulation was prepared using flawed data.

The proposed regulation will damage the economy of Pennsylvania further by eliminating jobs and by increasing the heating cost of many homeowners who cannot afford other fuel alternatives.

The Commonwealth consists primarily of heavily wooded, rural areas. It makes no sense to burden the citizens of our entire Commonwealth with a rule that really only applies to densely populated areas that constitute a minute portion of the Commonwealth. Regulation should be left for local municipalities and the Board should not adopt the proposal or any regulation of OWBs. Such regulations can be easily managed by local municipalities of densely populated areas.

Thank you,

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