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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Environmental Quality Board,

I am writing this to show my opposition to the proposed regulations for "outdoor wood fired boilers". I have chosen to heat my home with wood and an outdoor wood boiler for many reasons. Some reasons are environmental, as in not needing to burn fossil fuels, some reasons are for my own convenience, like being able to heat multiple buildings with one appliance. However these new proposed regulations threaten to make my investment of thousands of dollars a wasted purchase and I will need to go back to burning fossil fuels which I refuse to believe is better than burning wood, a natural renewable resource.

When I purchased this appliance last year it was installed within all existing regulations for it's purchase, installation and usage. At no time during it's use has a single neighbor raised any issues with it's use or location. However under these new regulations my installation would need to be adjusted at my own expense to the point that it would be an eye sore on my neighborhood.

I think my biggest complaint with these proposed regulations is that previously installed equipment is not grandfathered in, as it is in all other industries and all other states that have implemented such laws. I cannot think of a single consumer based emissions or efficiency regulation that has been put into place that requires previously installed equipment to be banned to the point of fines being implemented. Where is the precedence for this action?

The automotive industry is constantly upgrading emissions based on government guidelines, yet we aren't fined if we drive an older car with outdated exhaust systems. The heating and air-conditioning industry is always upgrading the efficiency and emissions standards of equipment based on government requirements, yet we don't have to replace our AC unit because a new standard is put into place. In all these examples past equipment is grandfathered in

I think the most logical comparison to these proposed regulations was in the early 90's the EPA began to certify indoor wood burning stoves. They made it illegal to sell non-EPA certified stoves which I can understand and agree with, however they did not place regulations on previously purchased and installed stoves. Again I ask where is the precedence for this type of regulation?

In closing, I am supportive of regulations on future purchases of wood burning appliances and regulations on fuel requirements (clean wood, no trash etc). However I cannot support regulations that impact a purchase I made previously to these regulations being put to paper, in an installation that is causing no issues on an appliance that is being used properly with proper fuel. Please reconsider the implementation of these regulations.

Thank you,  
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