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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Good evening! We are asking that you reconsider the proposed regulations for the use of outdoor wood burners (OWB). We are wondering why all OWB's should be classified as nuisances. How many complaints have you received from individuals regarding OWB? Since the installation of our OWB it has decreased the cost of our electric, and as you know the cost of electricity is to increase in the very near future. By making stipulations in regards to stack height of the OWB, you are decreasing its efficiency and placing the stack at risk for being blown off during heavy winds or storms. Also, why are you trying to limit the resale of the OWB to individuals outside of the Commonwealth? I'm not sure I understand the reasoning behind this part of the regulation. A vehicle can be sold numerous times and sales tax is paid each time this vehicle is purchased. Please explain your reasoning behind this part of the regulation. It is our feeling that any regulations regarding OWB should be left to each municipality as complaints arise. Owners of OWB should not be penalized for trying to conserve energy when using the OWB to heat water and their homes. Homeowners who have coal furnaces have no regulations placed on them nor are they told what they can burn in their furnaces. Please take these items into consideration before making a final decision regarding OWB. Thank you for addressing our concerns.

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