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REVIEW COMMISSION

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Dear Board:

I am respectfully requesting that you reconsider your proposed ruling on outdoor wood fired boilers. I would like to list several reasons why you should review again this issue in Pennsylvania.

1. Wood has been a source of heat since the beginning of time and is a renewable fuel.
2. Fossil fuels harm the environment and add greenhouse gases to the atmosphere while wood does neither of the two.
3. This regulation will do away with needed jobs in Pennsylvania and ad increased cost in heating homes.
4. Cities and suburban dwellings are only a small portion of our vast commonwealth. Country or rural dwellings make up the larger percentage of our state. Therefore, I believe these decisions should be left to local municipalities.
5. I recommend that the board does not adopt the proposed or any regulation of outdoor wood boilers. These regulations can easily be managed by local townships or municipalities of densely populated areas.
6. This regulation was not researched with true and sound data and should be completely redone looking at the state of Pennsylvania from north to south, also east to west.
7. This issue is extremely important to me as I lost my job of 30 years in 2001. The job I have now pays 50% less and saving on my heating bill is vital to me.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Eglesia