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As a current owner of an outdoor furnace purchased in 2008, I have seen firsthand it's benefits and drawbacks. Yes, they do smoke. However, when using the proper fuel, mine does not smoke any more (and usually less) than my neighbor's inside coal boiler. I have cut my heating costs by 75% which allows me to meet other needs of my family. I live in a rural area where firewood and coal is in abundance. By making the switch from fuel oil to wood I have decreased my usage of foreign oil and increased my usage of a renewable resource. Also, as a fireman I see many homes destroyed by fires caused by indoor wood burners used by people in order to save on heating costs. I do not worry about this with my outdoor furnace.

I realize that there are locations where outdoor furnaces are not feasible. Ultimately, I feel that the regulating of outdoor furnaces should be left up to the local community because they know what works best for their area. Regulations that are needed in urban areas are not necessary in rural areas. By imposing statewide regulations it would lead to unnecessary restrictions and costs to rural citizens in order to heat their homes with other methods which are more prone to large price swings.

Thank you for your consideration.

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