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To whom it may concern:

We are apposed to the new regulation or proposes you people and the state government is trying to put on people like us who have an Outdoor Wood Furnace.

We are retired people, and struggling as it is . You try living on a fixed income, and see how nice it is, and then have your President take what little you get for a raise at the end of year taken away from you. Your day is coming. And you people are trying to tell us country folk how we can heat our houses. It discrimination. Let the city people live in the city and let the country people along. These city people moves into a neighborhood and want to run the townships. It only take 1or 2 famillies to rule the township, and nobody else get a say. That happen to us. The township held a meeting and didn't inform people that this meeting was going to be held, and there fore the famillies with Outdoor Wood Furnaces didn't have chance to attend the meeting and have their say before the ordinance was passed. They past ordinance that the chlmney needed to be 20 ft. off the ground and 100 feet from the nearest neighbor. Since our furnace and anybody else that had one was in before their was any ordinance was grandfather in.

A DEP person was here and inspected our furnace and it meant all the requirements needed, and that was before we added the extra pipe to make our 20 ft. off the ground and that make us above all the houses in the neighborhood. It wouldn't matter how high the pipe is, you can't stop the wind from blowing in anyone direction. That is what two of our neighbors complain about. My one neighbor was about a two-faced as he could be. He told us , they like to smell wood burning and it wouldn't bother them at all; but after we got it in, they was one of neighbors you call the DEP, and complaint to the township and even to the state representative, that when our township past a regulation on wood burners.

If you regulate wood burning furnace , then you should also regulate houses with fireplaces, wood stoves or corn stoves, etc.. Theses houses are even closer and puts off just as much smoke as wood burning furnaces. What fair for one is fair for all. Years ago that was the only way we had heat in our homes, I didn't hear anybody complaining then.

Our furnace was and is a big saving to us. We have an all electric house and we had propane in the basement. We saved well over \$1,000.00 dollars the first winter we had it, for we didn't have to buy propane for the basement. Now we say about

\$100.00 to \$150.00 dollars a month during the winter. My husband figures we save approximately \$1500.00 a year, and that means a lot to a retire couple. If we didn't have this furnace and use electric heat, we would have to keep the thermostat down to where we would be very uncomfortable, I guess that the problem with today world, nobody want to be neighbors or help other people.

We heat all our water and we use our furnace the year around. I like having all the hot water I need when I do laundry and dishes etc. We are strongly apposing turning the furnace off during the off season.

My husband is 70 years old and cuts all our wood for the furnace. He cuts up trees that dead and falling over or trees that is already on the ground, from our woods and a good friends woods. It not too much trouble. We haven't spent anything on wood, that the difference between him and this younger generation who need everything handed to them.

If you want to regulate the furnaces, go to people who burns junk and any other kind of material, such as tires or garbage. Don't blame the ones who burn clean wood. Those people is the ones who gives us bad reputation. That also what we heard when we install ours. The neighbor said "I know someone who burn garbage around a friend of mind", We told her that is not going to happen here, but you couldn't convince her. And we haven't burn anything but clean wood.

Sincerely,