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Subject; OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING STOVES- PROPOSED REGULATIONS

TO: THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS, I AM OPPOSED TO ALL YOUR PROPOSALS BECAUSE OF THERE IMPOSITION ON FREEDOM!

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IF AIR PARTICULATE LEVEL WAS YOUR PRIME CONCERN, YOU ARE GOING ABOUT IT INCORRECTLY. YOU SHOULD THEN BAN **ALL BURNING OF WOOD, PERIOD.** ADDITIONALLY, ALL OTHER FORMS OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL USED IN HEATING TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PETROLEUM BASED PRODUCTS AND GASES IN ALL FORMS, IN ANY TYPE OF HEATING/BURNING DEVICE, SHOULD ALSO BE BANNED. SHORT OF AN OUTRIGHT BAN ON ALL BURNABLE MATERIALS YOUR PROPOSAL IS WITHOUT MERIT. FURTHERMORE, IF YOUR INTENT IS TO ELIMINATE ALL OWBs BY PLACING SUCH ARBITRARY RESTRICTION THAT REGULATIONS CANNOT BE MEET BY THE AVERAGE HOME OWNER DUE TO CLOSENESS TO NEARBY PROPERTY LINES (MINIMUM FRONTAGES OF 300 FEET NOT UNCOMMON WITH RESIDENCES NOT EXACTLY IN CENTER OF LOT) OR BY VIRTUE OF TERRAIN( IE 80 FT RISE IN 400 FT TO AN APPROXIMATELY 20 FOOT HIGH STRUCTURE PLUS THE ADDITIONAL 2 FT WOULD REQUIRE A 102 FOOT SMOKE STACK HERE IN DIMOCK TOWNSHIP, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY) THEN YOU **HAVE** ACCOMPLISHED YOUR MISSION. IT APPEARS THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED YOUR ORIGINAL TASK WHILE IMPOSING ANOTHER UNATTAINABLE RESTRICTION. I REITERATE, I AM OPPOSED TO YOUR TACTICS AND YOUR MISSION AND I WOULD ASK YOU TO WITHDRAW THIS REGULATION REQUEST IN FAVOR OF A MORE CONSUMER FRIENDLY ONE. REMEMBER, THE USE OF WOOD IS GENERALLY TWO FOLD, FIRST AND FORMOST IT IS A RENEWABLE RESOURCE (I'M, SURE YOUR AWARE OF THIS FACT), SECONDLY, IT IS A MATTER OF ECOMOMICS (THE AVERAGE HOME OWNER COULD ACCOMPLISH WOOD BURNING WTH THE MINIMUM OF EQUIPMENT). PLEASE START OVER, THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO RESOLVE WHATEVER YOUR INTENT.

SINCERELY,

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