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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

FROM:
Mr. Jeremy Hann
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Re: Proposed Rulemaking [25 PA. Code CHS. 121 and 123] Outdoor
Wood-Fired Boilers

Dear Board:

Please do NOT proceed with your proposed rulemaking regarding outdoor wood-fired boilers. I believe this would be unacceptable for our Commonwealth for the following reasons:

1. Wood is a renewable fuel that has been safely used since the beginning of recorded history.
2. Wood does not harm the environment. Fossil fuels DO harm the environment. Wood does not add greenhouse gasses to the environment - Fossil fuels DO.
3. The proposed regulation was prepared using grossly flawed data.
4. This regulation will damage the economy of Pennsylvania by killing jobs, and by increasing the heating cost of many homeowners by over 400 percent.
5. The Commonwealth consists primarily of heavily-wooded, rural areas. It makes no sense to burden the citizens of our entire Commonwealth with a rule that really only applies to densely populated areas that constitute a tiny portion of the Commonwealth. We believe that any needed regulation should be left to local municipalities. Accordingly, we recommend that the Board NOT adopt the proposed, or any regulation of OWBs. Such regulations can be easily managed by local municipalities of densely populated areas.

In addition to the above reasons, but in keeping with number five. I live in a location where my neighbors cannot view my house in either direction. One neighbor is 500 yards away without a view and the other neighbor is over 1000 yards away without a view. Not only that but neither neighbor can be affected by smoke discharge from my stove in any way shape or form. Board members in a room in Harrisburg cannot see this or the thousands of other wood burners in farm country across the state from a room in the city. I thought I was making a wise decision and keeping my money out of the hands of Oil Barrens from this and foreign countries when I purchased this stove. Now this rule would punish me for trying to become energy independent, something that every American citizen should strive for.

Please take all of these facts into consideration when ruling on this important decision.

Thank you.