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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Legislator _____

I have chosen to heat my home with an outdoor wood furnace for a number of good reasons:

- With the ever changing price of home heating oil, natural gas and LPG, heating with wood is an economical option -- a furnace owner that heats with wood in an outdoor furnace can save thousands of dollars a year on home, farm and small business heating costs.
- Heating with wood is consistent with the independent practices of Americans from as far back as colonial times.
- Heating with an outdoor wood furnace eliminates the risks of fires and carbon monoxide poisoning associated with an indoor heating system because the appliance is located outside. Every year literally thousands of homes are damaged or destroyed by fires caused by indoor heating devices.
- Heating with wood results in no net increase in global warming gas emissions. Heating with oil, coal and natural gas is a significant source of global warming gas emissions.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has proposed a regulation for "outdoor wood-fired boilers" that has the potential to impact my ability to continue utilizing my existing appliance. I am strongly opposed to:

- Excessive chimney height requirements for existing and new furnace installations that are not based upon science.
 - Excessive chimney height requirements are costly (parts and height determination), time consuming and may prevent a large number of owners from being able to comply.
- Seasonal prohibition between May 1 and September 30. A statewide seasonal restriction for rural owners, people with their own wood lots, farming operations, greenhouse operations is unreasonable.
- Opacity requirements for residential sized appliances because opacity is a subjective visual observation.

While it is foreseeable that furnace owners creating verifiable nuisances need to increase their chimney to alleviate complaints, it is unreasonable for the Pa DEP to retroactively impose restrictions (with the exception of proper fuel use) on my existing outdoor wood furnace. My appliance was purchased, installed, and operated in good faith prior to the drafting of the regulation.

I am requesting that you act now to assist me to preserve my rights and the rights of existing outdoor wood furnace owners in the State of Pennsylvania by opposing the excessive and retroactive requirements of the proposed regulation. I am supportive of a state law requiring existing furnace owners to have to comply with proper fuel use requirements and for regulations regarding new installations to be reasonable.

Please submit comments to the EQB no later than January 4, 2009 in support of my position. Written comments should be submitted to: Environmental Quality Board, P. O. Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477 (express mail: Rachel Carson State Office Building, 16th Floor, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2301). Comments submitted via email should be sent to RegComments@state.pa.us. You should also attend the four scheduled public hearings to voice your concern (visit <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol39/39-42/1929.htm> for details on locations, times and dates).

Please act now to help preserve my rights to heat with wood in a responsible, economical and safe manner.

Sincerely,

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Dear Legislator,

I am an independent plumbing and heating contractor as well as an outdoor furnace owner. I have installed heating systems with outdoor furnaces.

I find the venting requirements of these outdoor units unrealistic. If I install a gas or oil heating unit, the only requirement is to vent it outside of the living space with minimum clearances to doors and windows. Why so restrictive with outdoor units? Fireplaces do not have such requirements nor do wood burning stoves in peoples homes.

Some of the installations I did have no back up source of heat. To restrict use to seasonal time limits would cause undo hardship on these families and their elderly grand-parents.

The use of wood is a renewable resource. It is also an immediate solution to our energy problems. Until the energy problem is resolved, why restrict a solution so available to everyday working people? I (we) did not ask for any government help in our decision and installation of our heat, why should the government restrict us now?

Let the commonwealth of Pennsylvania be a leader in renewable energy practices such as wood ,solar, and wind. Lets not be a follower in the field and succumb to the Not In My Back Yard negativity that is out there.

**Thank You for your time in this matter , William H. Buselli
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