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Although there are things on both sides of the issue I agree with, there is one thing that I think is being presented in an untruthful light, the smell. I recently was able to smell not 1 but 2 different furnaces in 2 different locations and neither smelled anything like wood smoke. Call me crazy but I find the smell of wood smoke pleasant. Both I found to be quite repulsive. I was invited to view one of the furnaces in action. Expecting to see rotten carcasses and moldy old trash by the smell of the smoke, I was stunned to see a mixture of seasoned dry wood both soft and hard. It was the owner and operator of the furnace that made me understand why, by explaining how they work. The furnaces or boiler shuts off the oxygen supply smack damn in the middle of the burn phase. If you don't understand it, ignite some fuel oil and then snuff it out and let it sit there and smolder. See if it is pleasant or repulsive enough to make you want to vomit.

I cant explain why the owner couldn't smell the highly unpleasant smell of the smoldering wood. Maybe his nostrils have burnt out or he is just in some form of denial, but one thing is for sure they in no way resemble by either sight nor smell any other wood burning device. I think the solution to this problem is to not allow any heating source oil, gas or wood fed to smolder its fuel. People will still be able to burn wood as long as they don't smolder it and we can all be neighborly to one another again.

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