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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Legislator Rachel Carson,

I have chosen to heat my home and my parents home with an outside wood furnace for several energy saving reasons. The price of fuel and electricity are always changing but never to the homeowners advantage. Heating with wood also doesn't add to the global warming gas emissions like other fuels do. Our family has a little over 200 acres that we utilize the fallen and dying timber to heat our homes. We purchased one unit and it heats both homes. Until this purchase we heated both homes with our individual wood stoves and used more wood per year. My home required about 10 cord of wood for heat and my parents house required 12 cord. Last year we had a colder than normal winter and we used 15 cord with the outdoor furnace. Our stove has been placed between the houses and is over 100 feet away from each dwelling and causes no problems with smoke. Several neighbors have inside wood stoves and their stove will generate smoke 24/7 while the stove is burning. Our unit only smokes when the damper is open, about 20 minutes an hour. We have reduced the smoke by using this unit per hour and also reduced them by removing two individual wood stoves that smoke all the time. We heat our domestic hot water, our homes and our pools with this unit. This is all accomplished by a little hard work and exercise that never hurt anyone. We are not dependant on oil, gas or electric companies to survive. I am opposed to Excessive chimney heights and seasonal restrictions for use. Please consider these points when making your decisions on this matter. I realize that some stoves have been installed incorrectly and are becoming a nuisance but we shouldn't punish everyone on this matter. We took our time and installed this unit so it would work at peak efficiently and isn't an eye sore. I believe that other fuels damage our atmosphere more than these any wood burning stoves. Again please give this matter serous consideration and please understand that I am not opposed to setting regulations on stoves but as the law is written this will greatly impact if not eliminate the use of my stove.

Thank-you
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