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

1. The cost of home heating oil - an outdoor wood furnace saves my family thousands of dollars.
2. Heating with wood has been a source of fuel for centuries.
3. Heating with an outdoor wood furnace eliminates the risks associated with home fires, carbon monoxide poisoning associated with an indoor wood burner. An outdoor wood furnace is certainly much safer for my family.
4. My family is helping with saving the environment by burning wood not using coal, oil or natural gas.

The PA Dept of Environmental Protection has proposed a regulation for "outdoor wood-fired boilers" which would impact my ability to continue utilizing my existing outdoor wood furnace. I am strongly opposed to the excessive chimney height requirements for existing and new furnace installations, the seasonal prohibition of their use between May 1 and September 30 and the opacity requirements for residential sized appliances.

My furnace was purchased, installed and is operated with all safety restrictions in place. It is certainly more economical and less of a safety hazard than the inside wood/coal burner I had directly in my home. The outdoor wood furnace is safe and we continue to use it on a daily basis without any safety worries for my family. I live in a very rural area and during the winter months we cannot get oil delivery to our home without having to watch the weather forecast in order for the truck to access our lane. The outdoor wood furnace has provided me with a sense of security for my family to always have an available heat source in the winter. The furnaces are not a matter of just having a truck deliver oil to our home. We work hard in preparing for the winter months by cutting downed trees throughout the year.

I am requesting that you act now to assist me in preserving my rights and the rights of existing outdoor wood furnaces 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 act now to help preserve my rights to heat wood in a responsible economical and safe manner.

Sincerely,

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