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To whom it may concern,

My name is Michael R. Wilson and I live in Morris Run, PA. Eight years ago I purchased an outside wood burner to heat my home. The reason that I chose this option was that I have a house that is a 100 years old with a dirt floor basement and very little insulation. Although I have updated much of the insulation it is still difficult to heat my house. I used to have an indoor wood stove that did not heat the entire house, not to mention all of the smoke and soot in the house along with the fire hazard. Since having my outdoor boiler installed, I have been able to maintain a comfortable living situation in my home along with not having to go into the basement to fix frozen pipes. Financially speaking, there is no way that I could afford to heat my home with the natural gas through the use of my gas fired boiler. More than half of my monthly income would be spent on my heating bills alone.

The proposed chimney heights would make my current outside burner virtually unusable as my chimney would need to be somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty (50) feet or better. This would be near impossible to accomplish. I do agree with regulating what can be burned in these stoves. No tires, garbage, etc. should be put in the stoves and this is not something that I have ever done. None of my neighbors have ever had any comments about my stove other than wanting to hook it up to their home.

I hope that the economic situations that could arise from these regulations will be taken into account, from people not being able to afford to pay heat bills to the companies that produce these boilers and all that they employ.

Thank you,

Michael R. Wilson

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