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To Whom it may concern,

One of my neighbors installed a Wood Doctor outdoor furnace in the summer of 2006. He has burned it every day since he installed it. It has been a nightmare for my family. We are driven indoors by the smell almost every day in the summer months. We are forced to close most of the windows in our house at some point almost every day during the spring, summer, and fall.

The furnace is a little over 200 feet from my house. It has a very short smoke stack. The owner refuses to do anything to alleviate the problem. Our local township has an ordinance, but getting them to enforce the ordinance has been very difficult. My wife and I have spent three years trying to get the township to do something for us. The township supervisors have been to my house and witnessed the smoke and odor. The neighbor refuses to follow the ordinance and the whole thing gets tied up in the legal system.

My wife and I don't know what to do at this point. If the furnace had been there when I bought my house, I would not have purchased this house. I don't like the government telling people what they have to do on their own property, but nobody should have to live with the odor problems from a neighbors outdoor furnace. We also have a three year old daughter, and we don't know what affects the smoke may have on her health.

It would be a great idea for DEP to regulate these outdoor furnaces because they are becoming more of a problem every year. Townships are limited in what they can do to enforce their own regulations and I believe are often reluctant to do anything.

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