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Subject: Comments on Proposed Rulemaking - Outdoor Wood Fired Furnaces

The Environmental Quality Board of Pennsylvania is proposing a new regulation to regulate using wood to heat homes with an outdoor wood furnace.

There are reasons this is bad regulation as follows:

1. Wood does not harm the environment.
2. Wood is a renewable fuel.
3. The cutting, transportation, and selling of firewood is a large source of employment and saves money on the cost of heating a home compared to other fuel sources. Any regulation that would impact homeowners cost to have an outdoor wood furnace would impact small business employment in the fire wood business. This regulation will damage the economy of Pennsylvania by killing jobs, and by increasing the heating cost of many homeowners by hundreds of dollars and potentially making homeowners go back to fossil fuels, as the cost to burn wood would be increased by regulation, not the free market system.
4. Pennsylvania is primarily rural and heavily wooded. It is wrong to burden all citizens with a rule that applies to densely populated areas that constitute a small portion of Pennsylvania. Any regulation should be left to local communities.
5. How many new government employees, and at what cost, would be added to the burden of the citizens to pay for enforcement of new regulations.

It is requested that you stop the Board's proposed new regulations, or any regulation of outdoor wood furnaces. In rural areas and densely populated areas regulation can best be done by local municipalities.

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