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Dear Environmental Quality Board,

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Two weeks ago I was handed a copy of the proposed regulations For outdoor wood burning stoves. I never knew any regulations were being proposed and now I missed all public hearings. I have a wood burning stove for seven years and it works great.

Some problems I see with the proposed regulations; (1) chimney height; My furnace is approx. 70 feet from the house, a two and one half story house, so I would have to extend my chimney approx. 25 feet. how would I safely support such a tall chimney? I have parking area or sidewalk all around my furnace. The chimney I now have I have never cleaned. A chimney this tall would surely get lots of buildup because the emissions would cool down too much by the time they reach the top of the chimney. An added

expense which I now don't have. (2) Seasonal Prohibition between May 1 and Sept. 30. My wife, Mabel, is a person that is always cold. I usually Keep mine going till mid June. I can also heat my domestic water and with electric rates going up this will be a savings for us.

I love my furnace, I park my truck next to it and have not had any problems from sparks or smoke. I also have no flames in my house, a BIG safety concern for me. Prior to this furnace I had a wood burning stove in the house and my carpet still has burn marks from the hot ashes that sometimes fell out of the stove.

I would like to know why these regulations have been issued in the first place, and why I have never seen or heard of the scheduled public meetings. I do read the paper every day and watch the local news on TV. I believe manufacturers can and do build reliable and safe wood burning stoves. You are welcome to come and look at my furnace any time.

Sincerely,

Carl L. Lehman

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