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RE: IRRRC Proposed Regulation 2802 7-444, Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers

As residents of a small rural township with limited resources to implement and enforce local ordinances, we believe it is appropriate for the Commonwealth to establish reasonable regulations for the operation of outdoor wood-fired boilers (OWFB) and encourage the implementation of the proposed regulation #2802 7-444.

While we respect individual homeowner rights to use private property and operate heat sources of their choosing, there must also be consideration for the neighborhoods in which they operate. We often find our home and private property impacted by the smoke from OWFB's. The smoke settles in our home creating strong fumes that are not only uncomfortable but most certainly pose serious health risks.

The proposed regulations establish reasonable setback and stack height requirements designed to dissipate smoke and fumes from OWFB's before affecting neighboring properties. Moreover, the efficiency requirements for newly installed furnaces will limit the ability of trash and other items being burned which are not intended as heat sources but compound the fumes OWFB's generate.

The proposed regulations strike a fair balance between homeowners who choose to use OWFB's while protecting the quality of life for other homeowners who live in neighborhoods in which they are operated.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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