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Hi!

As an internal medicine physician based in Pittsburgh with an interest in air quality issues and its effect on my patients, many of whom come here from surrounding rural counties for their health care, I would like to submit this comment in strong support of the statewide regulation of outdoor wood burners.

These have been shown to generate highly toxic and noxious emissions that are a health hazard both to the user and the surrounding community. As a board member of Group Against Smog and Pollution I have had the opportunity to review how other communities nationwide are working on reducing these risks. I support the proposed setbacks but in addition feel strongly that there should be a sunset clause for all older, pre- phase II wood burners. In addition I support GASPs recommendation that the use of wood burners be banned between the dates of May 1st to September 30th; during which they play no role in the heating of homes.

I welcome your decision to regulate the use of OWBs and look forward to having these regulations put in place.

Sincerely,

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