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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing about the regulations that Pennsylvania is trying to put on the usage of outdoor furnaces. I am an owner of an outdoor furnace and I am very disappointed that we even have to be discussing this matter. The reason that I spent \$8800 on this furnace was to save money in the long run when it comes to heating my home. It use to cost me \$2000 in heating oil a year to heat my home. That was a hardship for my family and I to pay on a yearly basis. I burn wood in my outdoor furnace and I don't even pay half that to heat my home during the winter months. How is it any different for you to burn garbage in your burning barrel any different than using an outdoor furnace. I would think you would put a ban on burning barrels first before putting a ban on an outdoor furnace. People burn more things that are harmful to the environment and the people around you then what we burn in our outdoor furnaces. I only burn wood in my outdoor furnace and it is no different than you burning wood in your indoor one. Smoke is smoke. Doesn't matter if the smoke is low or up high is all goes in the air. I also read that you would going to ban coal from being burned in your furnace. Can someone tell me what the difference is from burning coal in your indoor one then your outdoor one. I also read about making your chimney on your outdoor furnace higher than the highest building within 500 feet of your house. I would have to have my chimney 40 feet in the air which is impossible to keep from falling over and would be unsafe for me and my neighbors. I don't know how the smoke bothers anyone outside because I usually don't see anyone sitting out on their porch during the winter months. My Outdoor furnaces have been out for many years so why is it now being an issue? My feeling about it is since the heating oil has gone up and the ones that own the outdoor furnaces are saving money it gives other people something to complain about. I would hope that you look at what this could do to a family if you would put a ban on them. Look at the economy now, it is hard for people to keep a job and a steady income.

I appreciate you taking the time out to read my email and I would hope you would take some of this into consideration when making your decision.

Thank You,

Shawna Clark