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Environmental Quality Board
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Board Members,

We have become aware that the Department of Environmental Protection is attempting to regulate outdoor fired boilers with regulations being proposed by the Environmental Quality Board. These regulations would be a hardship for us and many other rural residents using outdoor fired boilers for their only heating source and hot water.

The spacing of houses in rural Pennsylvania, the impractical stack heights, long narrow lots, summer hot water needs and the lack of natural gas services make these regulations very illogical for many of us. We also would bring to your attention that we use 100% American produced fuel rather than imported oil.

For over 30 years we have done our own wood. Dead trees on our property and neighboring properties that have had logs taken out, we were allowed to salvage limbs that were left, kept our fuel costs very minimal. We are getting older now and even purchasing a truck load of poles at around \$700.00 lasts us a whole heating season. If we were not allowed to do this, we would have to install a large 500 gallon propane tank and fill it 2 or 3 times a year. Prices fluctuate but at \$1.89 a gallon would be \$2835.00. In a few years we will be on Social Security so our income will become more limited. We thoroughly enjoy our heating system. Many of our neighbors burn wood. There are no complaints.

We are against these regulations and not only that, but it is inconceivable that we are not being given the opportunity to vote on them. The Environmental Quality Board can put these regulations in place without the Legislature passing a law. We are standing up for our rights and writing to you opposing these proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

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