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Mr. Causer:

I am respectfully contacting you regarding your recent comments posted on your website regarding OWBs:

“This is just another example of ‘big brother’ government stepping in where it is not wanted or needed,” he added. “Local governments are more than capable of regulating these boilers if they believe it is warranted.”

This statement is as far from the truth as possible. I am not a resident of your state nor do I ever plan on being so, however I know your state next to New York probably has the most problems with OWBs than any other state in the U.S.

The problem with what you said is this many local municipalities and governments do not have the knowledge or the know how to deal with this problem. Many times they turn to your state's department of health and are told to basically deal with it or their own.

How is that a plausible solution to fixing this problem? The point is the OWB lobby's millions of dollars each year and contributes funds to politicians (such as yourself) to make sure that there are no sanctions made on their products.

Tell me how can you honestly sit and say that a widow trying to raise two teenage kids that has a neighbor that burns year round and blows smoke on her residence does not have a say in the right to quietly live in their residence? Guess what this is a case in PA, I am not sure if it is your district or not.

The reason people like you are put into office is to be "big brother" because some places look to their leaders such as you to make decisions. When you the State Health Dept. and the Federal EPA turn your backs and say "tough" you don't have the right to have clean air because your neighbor has the right to burn how does that accomplish anything?

I think you're setting a very poor example in this issue because you obviously are completely unaware of the impacts that OWBs make on the lives of people who are forced to live with them because of the selfishness of a neighbor. OWBs have been known to be a nuisance and a problem since the early 1990s. There is actually a court case in PA that set precedence in 1998 regarding nuisance in your state with OWBs. It can be found on the websites I am listing below.

So before you cast me off as a left wing tree hugging nut with these comments, which is completely the farthest from the truth, I want you to know I am also an educated individual I hold a Masters Degree in Public Administration and I work in local government as a manager. So I deal with issues like this on a daily basis. The reason I do what I do is because I was **forced** without any choice to move out of my

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first residence because a neighbor put an OWB less than 100 feet from my front living room.

It is pretty apparent to me we know who contributes to your campaign when you run for office.

Please take a look at the websites below and then tell me it is completely acceptable to not regulate OWBs in any way:

<http://freedomofair.webs.com>
www.myspace.com/freedomofair
<http://burningissues.org>

I am not saying lets do away with every single OWB and have a witch hunt to go after anyone who uses them. But to say "no regulation" is necessary is completely absurd. These are not even designed to be in residential areas as the OWB manuals themselves say that fromt he companies.

Sincerely,

Freedom of Air