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To The Board:

Concerning this proposal I would like to make the following comments:

! This seems to be a "Fits All" type of regulation. The counties listed in the Proposal all seem to be below Interstate 80. Why does their nonattainment status have to involve those of us above I80 or in rural areas? Many of us have no neighbors within sight hearing or smelling distance. This Proposal seems best left to cities, boroughs, and townships where the local officials are best suited to regulate such matters.

2 The chimney height (2' above the residence) is a financial burden for those of us with no neighbors. Using your estimates, an extended chimney in my case would cost between \$852 and \$1160 for pipe only plus the cost of guy wire and anchors not including the labor involved. Why do you think we burn outdoor wood boilers? With no natural gas available, oil, propane and electric heating costs are exorbitant. Utilizing our own wood keeps our heating costs to a minimum. In these economic times we need to save all the money we can. Potter, McKean and Cameron Counties have some of the highest unemployment rates in the State. Even if some folks buy their wood the cost of a chimney is near 2 tri-axles of wood.

3 Making the case that I should be breathing clean air doesn't work either. The smoke from my 2' chimney above the boiler affects my residence about 5 days out of the year. Even with a chimney 30' in the air I will be affected. On those "heavy air" days the smoke just falls to the ground no matter how high a chimney is. Those of you that have ever burned a wood stove know exactly what I mean about the "heavy air" days.

In conclusion let me say that I don't believe enough thought was put into this Proposal. Air quality results from populated areas should be dealt with. But please do not require those of us not in those areas bear the brunt of new and expensive regulations. This Proposal is somewhat like the "Toll I80 because the transit authorities in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia need money."

Thank you for your time and please reconsider some of the rules in this Proposal.

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