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Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 5:52 PM**To:** EP, RegCommentsINDEPENDENT REGULATORY
COMMISSION**Subject:** Proposed restrictions on the use of outdoor wood-fired boilers/furnaces

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to you in reference to the proposed restrictions on outdoor wood-fired boilers. I would have to assume that the only reason for this new proposal is in fact to take more power from local governments and place those powers in the hands of the state or federal government. Or is the goal to find more funding for the already over bloated state governmental agencies?

We've used an outdoor wood furnace for the last five years. Many other residents in our rural community use similar furnaces. I can assure you we are not polluting our community by using such furnaces. Wood happens to burn cleaner than other sources of home heating fuels. It is a natural source of heat. Furthermore, the proof is in the pudding as they say! Our property has not been damaged in anyway in the last 5 years since we started using this furnace. As a matter of fact, every year under that furnace a few trees grow! We transplant those trees later in the spring. Our property is as green and healthy as it has ever been. On the contrary, I can't say the same for the cities or towns that I have visited that don't use outdoor wood furnaces!

It is perfectly clear to me that this new move by the EQB is none other than an attempt to gain more power and more funding by on the backs of people who live in already financially strapped communities. I am certain that the majority of the people in the State of Pennsylvania will recognize this situation for exactly what it is!

Sincerely,
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