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REVIEW COMMISSION**Subject:** RE: New DEP restrictions on the use of outdoor wood-fired boilers

Curt

I do not think that your reaction to every piece of regulation should necessarily be negative since government has the responsibility to protect all natural resources including the air we breathe. Local governments generally do not have the knowledge or expertise to understand the complex issues related to pollution and therefore these regulations must come from the State or Federal Government. Everyone tends to forget that the only reason we have reasonably clean air to breathe every day is because of the significant regulation and control of most sources of pollution. Prior to those regulations the air in cities was extremely unhealthy and even out in the country toxic emissions created localized health problems.

The smoke from these wood boilers is a serious nuisance to many people in the state and with the inevitable increase in energy prices in the coming years these wood boilers will certainly proliferate. Why should a utility power plant have to spend millions to clean up their stack emissions when individual state residents can emit vast quantities of pollutants without regard to their neighbors and the population at large? Why should I pay to have the emissions control system on my car checked annually when some other more significant source of pollution is ignored? As a resident I do not want to see the clean air I breathe as a result of my contribution to pollution control equipment at power plants or in my car be nullified by some individual's wood boiler that is upwind of my home. I have a right as a resident of this state to breathe clean unpolluted air! Now is the time to put regulation in place that will mandate required smoke stack heights, NOx, CO, UHC, and particulate emissions limits for all home heating systems. These regulations should be retroactive to cover existing installations as well as new equipment and cover all potential fuel sources (coal should be banned as a home fuel). As my representative I would appreciate that you consider the rights of everyone in your district. It is certainly going to be better for the majority of voters if we have clean air to breathe so why would you be against this legislation? Remember that any unresolved loopholes in emissions regulations creates unfair competition and distorts the marketplace.

Please respond to my questions so I can better understand you position on this issue.

Regards,

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