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Honorable Martin Causer,

of course my knee-gerk reaction is to not like this regulation, but mind is asking what is the law about?

1) 150' feet of the property line, well that is the definition of rural. A lot of houses may not be that far from the road, mine is, but I think 100' is not an unrealistic distance.

2) Must have a 10' stack and 2' above the boiler. Most house chimneys meet this criteria.

3) Stack must be 2' above the highest peek of any house within 150 feet.

First of all I am ok with the 2' rule, but not the 150 feet. I think it should be 50 feet or at least 5' BELOW a house that is 150 feet away.

4) New stack, same as above but 500'. I have a real issue with this. I have a neighbor that may be 500' away, but he built his house near the top of the hill, while the rest of us are closer to the road. What this law would be doing is preventing all his neighbors from having wood burning stoves. We live in the Appalachian Mountains, not the Great Plains!

5) Clean wood. Well we all know to burn untreated wood and anthracite coal.

In general, there many points that are of value in this legislation. The main issue I have is the distances. If you have a boiler near a house, the stack should be above the house. If it is a bit from the house, the stack should be near the top of the house.

I am looking to build a new house in the future. There will be a few houses that are within the 500' radius. I am planning on building just above the road, which would put the bottom of my house above most of my neighbors roofs. I have not decided where I would put my wood burner, but after reading this, I guess it will be up the hill a few yards.

In general, I am AGAINST this bill.

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