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I would like to formally respond to the proposed restrictions on the use of outdoor wood-fired boilers. These are an essential part of heating now in PA. They are extremely cost effective. To request that a stack be added to an existing boiler that is required to **extend at least two feet above the highest peak of the highest residence located within 500 feet of the boiler** is ridiculous at best. You are talking about a 7 feet boiler having a 20 foot stack on it, if the house it is keeping warm is a 3 story farm house. How is it going to stay up there? The answer is simple IT IS NOT and the stove must be moved or removed. That is only one of the points in this proposal that is so far out there that obviously the person designing it has not used one or has actually done any research on how many people have them and how they operate. In times when people need to find efficient ways to keep warm in the winter I do not believe giving stiffer restrictions are going to help. How are they supposed to pay for this? Did you forget the unemployment stats for PA? Or maybe you were not looking at the more rural stats, because we are a lot higher in the rural areas. I am requesting that you reconsider this proposal and just drop it, move on to more important issues and let us heat our houses and water in a way we can afford.

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