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Rep. Martin Causer recently published an article in the Bradford Era favoring the non-regulation of wood-fired outdoor furnaces. I normally do not disagree with our elected officials and respect the work they do in representing their constituents, especially Mr. Causer. In this case, I do not think Mr. Causer is representing the majority of his constituents, those who do **not** have the wood-fired boilers. I am one of those people. I live in Eldred Township. My husband and I own a little less than 3 acres on which we have a \$250,000 home. It was built 8 years ago and we have owned it 3 years. We pay about \$4500 in yearly taxes on the property, probably one of the highest in McKean County and in Eldred Township. From the time a neighbor's wood furnace is started in the fall until it is shut down in the spring, we have to endure the smell of wood burning, both inside and outside of our home. Is this fair? Are we not entitled to representation, too. My husband has heart disease and has had 2 heart attacks. He also has a chronic lung condition. I have multiple sclerosis and spend a lot of time inside my home. The smoke is very annoying, unpleasant and there seems to be no recourse for us. We depend on our representatives to regulate such situations. If the natural gas and electric rates are the problem, and I agree that they are, then attack that problem. Please consider these issues and try to represent all of your constituents, in this case it's the majority, those who do **not** have wood burning boilers. Thank you.

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