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Rep. Causer recently had an article in the local Bradford Era saying that he was not in favor of regulating the wood-fire outdoor boilers. I do not normally disagree with elected officials and respect the service they give to their constituents. However, in this case, Mr. Causer is not representing the majority, those who do **not** have these boilers, those who are troubled by the smell of smoke that permeates the entire neighborhood. This smell is offensive and sometimes causes medical consequences to those in the surrounding area. From the time the furnace is started in the fall until it is shut down in the spring, my husband and I have to smell that wood smoke, both outside and inside our home. To give you more information regarding our situation, I will tell you that we own a little under 3 acres of land in Eldred Twp. and have a \$250,000 home on it to which we pay approximately \$4500 in yearly taxes, possibly one of the highest tax bills in our township. My husband has heart disease and breathing problems; I have multiple sclerosis. Are we entitled to be represented in this issue? Yes, the utilities are way too high, especially natural gas and electric, but why not attack **that** problem which effects far more of your constituents than those who have wood-fired boilers. Think of those who do NOT have them.

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