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RE: Proposed Regulations of Outdoor-Fired Boiler

I am writing this letter in response to a news article found in the Cameron County Echo (Dated 11-28-09) concerning Representative Martin Causer's opposition to the state regulation of outdoor wood-fired boilers. While I am in strong support of the state's Environmental board proposal to place significant restrictions on the use of outdoor wood-fired boilers, I feel that these proposals need to be extended even further to control pollutants and contaminants expelled from such heating devices.

It has been my negative experience in the neighborhood in which I live to realize the caustic effects of the use of these heating devices. On a regular basis, I walk around the block, to achieve an exercise regimen recommended by my cardiologist. During most months of the year no problems are realized. However, as fall and winter approaches, the smoke and acrid smells permeate the clean air that I am used to breathing. Consequently, I have to find alternative sites to get my walk for health reasons. My medical afflictions do not include respiratory ailments such as asthma or allergies to the contaminated air, but others who possess these maladies are certainly more sensitive to the preventable pollutions of the environment.

I fully agree and understand the delicate balance which is necessary for our government to protect personal rights with minimal limitations on more government control. However, it has always been my understanding that my freedom ends where someone else's begins. The protection of citizens to breathe clean air needs strong enforcement to preserve this ideal. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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