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*Attached find a letter in regards to regulation of outdoor burners in PA*

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Environmental Quality Board  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing in regards to the proposal to place significant restrictions on the use of outdoor wood-fired boilers in Pennsylvania. We agree that there needs to be some type of regulation on the use of wood burners. We live in a very rural area in Elk County in NW Pennsylvania; almost every home in this town has an outdoor wood burner. The pollution from these stoves is terrible. We cannot go outside our home from October until April without our clothing or hair reeking with the smell of smoke. People would think we were sitting by a campfire before going to work. If you were to drive into this town one would think it was on fire in the winter with these burners in use because of the thick smoke that just lingers in the air. The pollution from these stoves is just terrible, being avid outdoorsmen, we enjoy walking and being outside but the smoke is just terrible for breathing and it often infiltrates our home.

Many homes cannot place their smokestacks to the level that they are proposing do to safety reasons and lack of space to securely anchor them. It is also a well know fact that local townships do not enforce ordinances or even have any ordinances in place to properly control any issue. So please don't leave it up to them to control any of these issues because they are a spineless authority. We don't know what the answer is but something needs to be done. I would be very advisable for you all to visit some of these areas to see how things are before you make decisions you cannot control.

Sincerely,

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