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November 13, 2009

Environmental Quality Board  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in regards to the proposal to place significant restrictions on the use of outdoor wood-fired boilers in Pennsylvania. My husband and I have had an outdoor wood burner for many years now. We live in a very rural area in Elk County in NW Pennsylvania, of which the homes in this community are of the old construction style, 2-3 story homes that are located with 50 feet of each other. Most home lot sizes may measure 50' x 125', with the height of most of these homes as high as 30-40 feet above ground level. The concern in this town for most of us is that there would be no way these properties can place a smoke stack that would extend above the homes by at least 50 feet above the highest residence located within 500 feet of the boiler. There would be no way to securely anchor these stacks for safety. Most of the wood burners in this small rural town have their wood burners situated away from the home, the stacks would be free standing and would require some type of anchoring system such as using guide wires or something similar as these smoke stacks would have to reach 50 feet in the air on these small properties. These stacks cannot be properly anchored due to space limitations. This option makes it unreasonable in my community. I think you really need to reconsider your options. You must visit some of these small towns to see what you are dealing with before you decide to make a decision that would never be able to be implemented.

Sincerely,

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