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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Environmental Quality Board,

We are sending this email to express our objection over the proposed regulations against outdoor wood burners. Our outdoor wood furnace was installed over a year ago to help offset the rise in home heating fuel. With society constantly looking for ways to control air pollution and "go green", burning wood in an outside furnace is ideal. It produces no significant increase in global warming gas emissions.

We are fortunate to own a rural piece of property that borders wooded property owned by our family. The need to raise our chimney the proposed two feet above the highest peak of the highest residence within 500 feet is simply excessive. In addition to the chimney height, the seasonal restrictions are also unreasonable. We use our outdoor wood furnace even through the summer months for our hot water. Just because it's not cold outside does not mean the furnace isn't needed.

It is understandable that regulations need to be implemented in certain situations; inside city limits, nuisances, etc. However, it is unreasonable to ask current owners with furnaces that have been purchased, installed and operated within the current guidelines to subject to these new regulations.

We are opposed to the excessive and retroactive requirements of the proposed regulations. If passed as currently written, we believe that the regulation will adversely impact our rights and the rights of other existing outdoor wood furnace owners that use these appliances in a responsible manner. We are supportive of a state law requiring existing furnace owners to have to comply with proper fuel use requirements and for regulations regarding new installations to be reasonable.

Sincerely,

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