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Outdoor wood burners are a feasible and affordable alternative heating source for many people who have access to free firewood and cannot afford the high cost of natural gas, LP or fuel oil. They are also safer and more energy efficient than indoor wood stoves which people have been using for years and about which no one complained. By regulating wood burners so strictly you are going to make it extremely costly for people with limited incomes to buy and install them. These are the very people who need them the most. Many houses in rural areas are two stories high, making it mandatory for stacks to be taller than them is ridiculous. The stacks would be blown over by the winds on many hills and this would cause them to be safety hazards. Please allow towns and municipalities the freedom to regulate wood burners as they see fit rather than imposing stringent regulations state wide.

Thank you

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