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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear EQB

I have chosen, with great expense to heat my home with wood for a number of very good reasons.

With the ever changing cost of fuel oil and propane, wood heat is economical and gives me some say in my heating costs.

Heating with an outdoor wood furnace eliminates the risks of fires associated with indoor fireplaces and wood stoves.

The proposed regulation for outdoor wood furnaces would greatly limit my ability to heat with wood. Like Previously mentioned I spent a considerable amount of money and my decision to heat with wood was made in accordance to the state and local laws at the time. It was installed by a professional. The new regulation would take away my rights as a citizen to heat with my current equipment.

I live in a very rural area with 35 acres of land and few neighbors..Most of the people around here heat with some form of wood or coal heat. Being their only source of heat or just supplemental heat.

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Why when we are trying as a country to be come less dependent on foriegn oil are you trying to take away our right to burn wood.

This legislation is targeting "outdoor boiler" When residences with coal or wood stoves, fireplaces. and furnaces are just the same when it comes to the so called "smoke problem"

I understand a lot of outdoor boilers are popping up everywhere and some kind of restrictions need to be implemented. I.E. restrictions within heavely populated areas, and where complaints have been filed. Otherwise urban areas.

While it is foreseeable that furnace owners creating verifiable nuisance need to increase their chimeny to alleviate complaints, it is very unreasonable for the Pa, DEP to RETROACTIVELY impose restrictions on my outdoor wood furnace. My furnace was purchased, installed and operated in good faith prior to the drafting of this legislation.

I welcome you to come and view my outdoor wood boiler in operation and see that the smoke it generates is less than most, if not all the fireplaces and wood stoves burning in our area.

I am requesting that you act now to protect my rights and the rights of existing outdoor wood furnace owners.

Sincerely
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