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To whom it may concern,

I am personally concerned about the proposed regulations that we're seeing being considered for wood burning boilers. There are a number of items that are personally troubling, two that I will present:

- 1) The land that I own doesn't have a 150 foot barrier from all property lines at any one point. This would disqualify the heater that is currently saving my household thousands of dollars each year in gas heating costs.
- 2) If I am required to put up a permanent stack to 2 feet above the houses within 500 feet of my boiler, it will be very difficult. You see, I live at the base of a mountain where people have built houses up the side of it. I'm thinking I would need a 90-120ft stack just to comply with this restriction. This would make a very likely hazard as I live at the end of an airstrip in our town, and the planes frequently fly past our house to land.

My current stack height is 11 feet from the ground. Based on your estimations of chimney pipe costs, I would be looking at between \$9,600 and \$144,000 just for the chimney to be in compliance. No amount of efficiency could offset this increase and make it fiscally responsible.

While, I believe, currently we're seeing that the regulation of these outdoor wood stoves is being taken care of by the local governmental structure, a broad sweeping measure, like the one being imposed, takes away the power and purpose of the local government. We're currently seeing this exact parallel in Washington. Soon, State government will only exist to verify people are following federal regulations imposed upon us by 'representatives' that don't truly represent the masses of the people.

I moved back to Pennsylvania after 10 years in Virginia, 3 years in Mississippi, and 2 years in Tennessee. I'm proud of our Commonwealth, and the town I live in. Any level of government that wants to overstep its bounds is an infringement upon the people. This must be remembered and considered in every circumstance of wanting to make modifications to the laws and regulations governing us.

Allow local government to handle local questions and local problems. Based upon your figures, there are approximately 7750 wood fired heaters in PA. Certainly one sweeping regulation can't fit each of those 7750 situations to the best, local, solution.

I appreciate your time and consideration in reading this, and look forward to the dissolution of this considered bill.

Thank you,

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