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Dear sirs;

we would like to add our comments about this issue.

We live in the Herndon area of Northumberland County and have seen a great increase in the use of outdoor furnaces near our home and along our way to work in Harrisburg. The emissions from these furnaces, as well as trash and farm waste burning, are so thick that they often obscure visibility of the road. When there is a temperature inversion the entire valley is covered in a dense layer of acrid smoke. Even though we live in the country and there are few homes directly nearby, the air is often filled with the stench of burning wood and rubbish. We doubt that many of these burners are using only clean fuel, and most appear to be burning very inefficiently.

These conditions have been becoming noticeably worse with the increase in energy prices, and the recent electricity deregulation will surely add to the problem.

We worry not just about our quality of life, but about our health.

In addition to the regulations being considered we strongly suggest the the use of these devices be limited to the cold weather months when residents are less likely to have their windows open. Although some are put out at this time, many are not. And of course the toxic odor of garbage burning remains year round:

Please do all that is possible to implement and enforce these regulations.

We feel that nothing is more important than the air we breath.

Sincerely,
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