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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
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Sir or Ma'am:

I am writing to you in opposition to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection rules regarding "outdoor wood-fired boilers." See title 25 Environmental Protection, Part I Department of Environmental Protection, Subpart C. Article III, Chapter 121 and 123.14.

The new rule will affect all preexisting users and future owners of outdoor wood-fired burners. The new rule requires new setback provisions for Chimney height to be two feet above the highest residence located within 500 feet of the boiler. The proposed new rule also sets seasonal limitations on when the wood furnace may be utilized which would be a hardship on Pennsylvania residents. I do not own such a system but believe in promoting alternatives to oil heat. This rule may stifle the use of an efficient non-oil heating source.

In light of the energy issues this country faces, this new rule is counterproductive to our Commonwealth. The burdensome nature of this proposed rule is apparent.

In any event issues like those addressed in this new rule are better left to the local governments and not on a statewide basis.

Please consider my comments when commenting or deciding this issue. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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