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I received this email information from Patrick Henderson, Executive Director of Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee, Office of Senator Mary Jo White and I would like to comment on the above issue.

I live on Carson Avenue in Oil City, PA. My neighbors and myself went to our local city council about a neighbor who has been burning pine and stockpiling tons of wood in a residential neighborhood. An ordinance was passed to which the neighbor pretty much ignored all this past summer. He also runs a chainsaw constantly to stockpile wood. The stove is to be turned off during the summer months and allowed back on Oct 1. We weren't real happy about turning the stove back on so early because when it kicks on you have to go in the house.

We have been unable to enjoy our backyards. As a first time home buyer, my third and fourth year here have been a nightmare. No picnics or activities in the backyard because of this individual. He has been argumentative and difficult to deal with. City Council/police/lawyers /EPA have been involved.

Personally, due to the amount of emissions and smell they put out and given our global warming issues, I feel they should be banned. My sister lives in Clarion, PA and their new ordinance reflects if they break down they cannot fix them and no new ones will be allowed. I realize that people need to heat their homes but indoor woodstoves are not near as hazardous as these things.

I suffer from bronchitis and even in the fall I have been wearing a mask to reduce breathing the smoke that blows into my yard continually. I am also a healthcare worker and am familiar with the dangers of these things. I am presently considering selling my house and looking for an area that doesn't permit them.

I am amazed that these things are allowed in any city or within a mile of another home.

I want you to know that many of my neighbors are also fed up with this.

Respectfully,

Kim McLaughlin, RN