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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Environmental Quality Board,

The proposed regulation for "outdoor wood fired boilers" has the potential to impact my ability to continue utilizing my existing appliance. I am strongly opposed to:

Excessive height requirements for existing and new furnace installations that are not based upon science. Excessive height requirements are costly (parts and height determination), time consuming and my prevent a large number of owners from being able to comply. Seasonal prohibition between May 1 and September 30. A statewide seasonal restriction for rural owners, people with their own wood lots, farming operations, greenhouse operations is unreasonable. I use my to heat my house along with my hot water. Opacity requirements for residential sized appliances because opacity is a subjective visual observation.

While it is foreseeable that furnace owners creating verifiable nuisances need to increase their chimney to alleviate complaints, it is unreasonable for the Pa DEP to retroactively impose restrictions (with the exception of proper fuel use) on my existing outdoor woos furnace. My appliance was purchased, installed, and operated in good faith prior to the drafting of the regulation.

I am opposed to the excessive and retroactive requirements of the proposed regulation. If passed as currently written, I believe that the regulation will adversely impact my rights and the rights of existing furnace owners that use these appliances in a responsible manner. I am supportive of a state law requiring existing furnace owners to have to comply with proper fuel use requirements and for regulations regarding new installations to be reasonable.

Sincerely,

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