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**To Whom This may Concern,**

A few years ago our neighbors installed an out door wood boiler burner. Since then our property has been overcome each winter with horrible smoke filled air. Burning lungs, burning eyes, and our health deteriorating, providing us with our own home as our prison. Even on a windy day the smoke filtrates in through the vents and a faint smell of smoke is within our sanctuary. We are surprised the smoke alarm doesn't go off. We cannot even go outside to enjoy a walk or to work in the yard. Our barnyard animals cannot get away from the smoke at all, living in a pasture of toxic air. Our other neighbors with 7 children must be suffering as well when the smoke blows their way.

At times they burn what smells like coal or tires... Making us even more sick. There is nothing we can do. Our neighbors see nothing wrong in heating their house this way. It would be useless to ask them to stop burning. Of course when you spend almost \$8000.00 or more on installation you are not about to get rid of your furnace all too soon. They burn garbage as well but that is an old ongoing problem.

It takes over 60 grown trees cut down EACH year to KEEP THE FIRES BURNING. This outdoor wood furnace is the greatest pollution to domestic health in neighborhoods since the coal furnaces. This is one of the greatest environmental disasters to the timber growth since the cutting down of the rain forest. When farmers own enough timber to keep themselves in supply there is no end any time soon, for generations. Or until there are no more trees.

I am concerned that they will find a way around the laws, IF passed, since clever people find a loop hole to work for them. Such as we have seen other farmers build a small shelter for these stoves so that they are in compliance. As the roof to the building is just below the smokestack.

Several years ago I did call our local congressman to complain and ask something be done. That was the day I barely made it into the house, a 200 foot run without being over come. Our house this minute is surrounded by lung burning smoke as I type. All I did was to open the door to let the dog out and smoke curled within the house. We have never smoked cigarettes and now we face a life time of poor health by my neighbors free heat for winters to come. I do not know if anything will ever be done to in-force ordinances or make anyone willingly do the right thing. Maybe a class action law suit against the manufacture of the furnace to force them to comply to clean air acts. Also to force them to regulate "refurbish" the existing previously sold burners currently in use.

At head level, a chimney, shooting out enough smoke, as if it were a factory, day in and day out. A slow premature death could be in our future. I ask the Lord to direct the smoke away from us. It's all I can do.  
 Thank you for your most valued time.

Sincerely, Jack & Tara Miller  
 Edinboro, Pa.