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Dear Legislators,

I am writing concerning the proposed boiler regulation. We live in rural Pennsylvania in the small town of Knoxville. The proposed regulation will impact our businesses in the loss of jobs in northern Pa.. Simply put, we use wood to heat 3 businesses, 25 + jobs, in Knoxville. The proposed height of the stacks, the property line setback, and efficiency standards, make it impossible for us to use our present heating systems. We have safe, well designed and efficient heating systems that are cost effective and use local sources of supply for fuel. This is one reason we can stay competitive.

Just this last week we bid on a job for a local company and had to outsource one aspect of the bid request. We lost the job because of outsourcing that one aspect of the project. This happens and I understand. I only wish I could have done the whole project in house. What is really appalling is we lost it to Mexico. The job went from our shop in northern Pa to Mexico. I say all this to say we work with tight margins or loose the work. This regulation will cost job loss and unnecessary expense to us in northern Pa..

A solution to the proposed regulation is to let the regulation be done in local government where there is a feel for the local needs, safety, and economy of the community. I can't state this strongly enough. Let local government function. Do not pass this bill in the present form if you want to keep Pennsylvania working.

Sincerely,
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