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Nov. 30, 2009

To Whom It May Concern.

We are writing concerning your proposed new regulation for the use of outdoor wood burners in our state of PA. First, we want to say, that we bought our outdoor wood burner so that we would not be dependant upon foreign oil.

That said, we feel that your proposal will interfere with the efficient use of our wood furnace. The stack height should be a function of the furnace's performance and changing the height may affect how the furnace operates. Changing the height of the stack, won't change how the smoke flows, depending upon the weather conditions, the smoke often comes down, no matter how high the stack.

One of our goals of owning an outdoor wood burner was to not use any oil. Your prohibiting the use of the outdoor wood burners between the dates of May 1 and September 30 is not fare. If we use the oil burner, which is our alternate method of heating our water, it would mean we would be burning the oil in those months. Our goal is to not fund terrorists countries from which our government buys a lot of oil.

We feel that the proposed requirements for the phase 2 units of a minimum of 150 feet from the nearest property line, is an unnecessary distance for these units and should be shortened.

We also feel that the time period you are giving manufacturers to get into compliance is not enough time to fully test a new product and get it produced.

We spent thousands of dollars on our outdoor wood burner and it's installation. We expected to not ever be dependant upon foreign oil again. In the back of our minds was the thought though, that you would try to regulate us in some fashion as the one you've proposed. Between the State and the Federal Government, we are literally losing our abilities to take care of ourselves and being plunged into a socialist state.

We would ask that you would grandfather existing units in as they are and would deal with problems as they come on an individual case basis.

We hope that you consider our side of this situation.

Sincerely,

Joseph McChessney

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