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**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD** 

Environmental Quality Board P.O. Box 8477 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

## Dear Environmental Quality Board Members:

We live in a rural area where there are many outdoor wood-fired boilers. While there are some responsible owners and installers of outdoor wood-fired boilers, there are many who are not, and then these boilers become year-round health hazards, make it difficult for neighbors to open windows or do anything outdoors on their own property, and ultimately reduce property values. These boilers must be regulated so that the public is assured that they burn efficiently, that they are not installed too close to a property line and without an appropriate chimney, and that action can be taken against an owner who creates an over abundance of smoke with the wrong kind of fuel.

We strongly support strong clear regulations of outdoor wood-fired boilers.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Murphy