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**Subject:** outdoor wood fired boilers 12314INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Dear EQB

I have chosen, with great expense to heat my home with wood for a number of very good reasons.

With the ever changing cost of fuel oil and propane, wood heat is economical and gives me some say in my heating costs.

Heating with an outdoor wood furnace eliminates the risks of fires associated with indoor fireplaces and wood stoves.

The proposed regulation for outdoor wood furnaces would greatly limit my ability to heat with wood. Like Previously mentioned I spent a considerable amount of money and my decision to heat with wood was made in accordance to the state and local laws at the time. It was installed by a professional. The new regulation would take away my rights as a citizen to heat with my current equipment.

I live in a very rural area with 35 acres of land and few neighbors. Most of the people around here heat with some form of wood or coal heat. Being their only source of heat or just supplemental heat.

Why when we are trying as a country to be come less dependent on foriegn oil are you trying to take away our right to burn wood.

This legislation is targeting "outdoor boiler"  
When residences with coal or wood  
stoves, fireplaces, and furnaces are just the  
same when it comes to the so called "smoke  
problem"

I understand a lot of outdoor boilers are  
popping up everywhere and some kind of  
restrictions need to be implemented. I.E.  
restrictions within heavily populated  
areas, and where complaints have been  
filed. Otherwise urban areas.

While it is foreseeable that furnace owners  
creating verifiable nuisance need to increase  
their chimney to alleviate complaints, it is  
very unreasonable for the Pa, DEP to  
RETROACTIVELY impose restrictions on my  
outdoor wood furnace. My furnace was  
purchased, installed and operated in good  
faith prior to the drafting of this  
legislation.

I welcome you to come and view my outdoor  
wood boiler in operation and see that the  
smoke it generates is less than most, if not  
all the fireplaces and wood stoves burning in  
our area.

I am requesting that you act now to protect my  
rights and the rights of existing outdoor wood  
furnace owners.

Sincerly  
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