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Hello,

I'm writing regarding the proposed regulations on wood-fired boilers. I and my family live in Mansfield Borough, in Tioga County, PA. We all strongly, strongly endorse the proposed regulations for health reasons. My wife has recurrent asthmatic pneumomia, my ten year old daughter has allergies and sensitivities to smoke, my four year old son has chronic sinusitis, and I too have continual sinus infections and asthma, especially during woodburning season.

Our neighbors have burned wood for a few years now. It was during their first year that my daughter suffered miserably, even with our running HEPA air filters throughout the house. Fortunately our neighbors voluntarily raised their smokestack, and, while not perfect, our daughter has improved. Our neighbors were wonderful, and we are lucky to have them, but I often wonder why there were no such regulations to help them as they set up their boiler in the first place.

I strongly urge these regulations--they make good common sense (clean wood, minimum distances/stack heights; efficiency--of course) and will save us all as a state a lot of money in healthcare, shared premiums, lost hours, etc over the years.

Many thanks,
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