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To whom it may concern,

I am sending my comments regarding the proposed Outdoor wood burner regulations. I am strongly opposed to the to the Excessive chimney height requirements, seasonal prohibition and the opacity requirements. I do support the proper fuel use requirements that are part of the regulation that's pending however. In Oil City where I am from the city has recently passed it's own requirements within the city limits and I feel this is how the this issue is best handled. Pennsylvania is a very large state as you know with vast areas of rural communities, I feel passing legislation that will affect all Pennsylvanians is unnecessary. I live in a rural area and both of my neighbors(closest one is @ 400' away) as well as myself heat via outdoor burners and we have NEVER had issues with smoke, opacity, or even smell for that matter bothering one another. I do see how in a more urban or city setting this could be a problem and the cities are free to pass regulations if the community and or city councils feel the need to do this, as has recently happened in Oil City. Also enforcement would put more strain D.E.P. which we all no is already thin due to all the recent lay-offs within that department. With the financial crisis we are currently in I believe that our limited funds within this great state could be spent in a more useful and positive way. Thanks for your time and please rethink the pending legislation that could so greatly affect many many hard working responsible citizens of this state.

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