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There are several owners of these outdoor wood boilers located in your district because of the area being so rural. I installed an outdoor wood boiler in 1994 to cut down on rising fuel prices. I listen to congress say that we need to lessen our dependence on foreign oil but their actions prove differently as seen in this attachment.

I ask you to look into this proposal and at the very least have the wording changed to grandfather all existing outdoor wood boilers. Their proposal leads one to believe that the cost would be very minimal to bring existing outdoor wood boilers up to their specifications. I assure you that it will be a costly endeavor because I am sure their will be permits to buy under the new Building Codes and specifications for chimney construction. Had these stipulations been in place when the now existing outdoor wood boilers were installed they would have reconsidered their placement or even installing one. I am not opposed to cleaner burning machines for future units but do not believe 2010 restrictions should apply to prior manufactured units.

Please inform me how this procedure advances from here for DEP. Is this just something they decide and then post in the PA Bulletin to become law or does this have to go to a Bill that is voted on by you to become law?

12/16/2009

Sincerely,

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