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REVIEW COMMISSION**Subject:** OWB Regulations

Come on, when are you all going to learn in this economy it is time to back off the environmental regs for a while. Now you want to attack OWB stoves, please! All this will do is put more businesses out of business and more people out of work. Some places that manufacture these will go out of business because they can't afford to upgrade to meet the new regulations. Other businesses that make these as a side business will drop the manufacturing of these OWB all together. Both will result in layoffs. Think it won't happen take a look at the new emissions output regs for diesel engines that kick in in 2010. Caterpillar has elected to stop manufacturing on road diesel engines altogether. Cumming estimates they will have to drop production of new diesel engines by 80%. Both companies will be laying off thousands of employees.

Let's look at the consumer side. People buy these to save on heating bills and as a result use less natural gas and oil. You add to the price of OWB and people already stressed for money can't afford them. Stop and take a look at what's going on around you. Concentrate your efforts on creating jobs, not this trivial stuff. You're hurting the economy, not helping it. Table this useless stuff and do something of value to your constituents. Work to create some jobs, not do away with them. Environmental regs cost jobs, and cost the consumer money. Table this useless regulation, and the other environmental constraints on business until the economy is stronger.

Sincerely,

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