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To whom it may concern,

I was recently informed of the ridiculous and unrealistic restrictions/regulations that are being proposed for all Outdoor Wood Fire Boilers. I'm not sure whose ideas these were but it's a very shameful and disgraceful thing at that. I myself as well as my husband are hard working people trying to stay afloat in this day in age with the economy the way it is and now we have groups and organizations trying to make things even more difficult to make it. Roughly a year ago my husband and I purchased an outdoor wood furnace for the sake of saving money on our oil bill. We were paying roughly \$600.00 a month for fuel oil to keep our family warm in the winter. Now for those who don't have to worry about money this would not seem like much but for those of us struggling to make ends meet, it's a huge chunk of income. We figured that we would have the wood furnace paid off in a short time for the amount of money we were dishing out for oil. Since we do have jobs and we do make more money than the assisted people, we are ineligible for fuel grants or any other kind of assistance. Therefore we were left to find a different means in heating our home. Something I hope no one ever has to be faced with. It was a very hard decision but we knew we had to come up with the money to install this wood furnace in order to make it through the next few years with everything completely out of control in this country. Oil prices as well as electric prices are on the rise and I'm afraid I will not be able to stay on top of my bills with all the senseless greed out there. I'm sure the big oil companies as well as the big electric companies are upset they lost costumers to these new outdoor wood furnace companies, but why not have them step back and take other people's issues into consideration instead of how much money they are making for their own pockets. American people have to do what's best for them and in the end what's going to make them happy. I do not believe in giving my hard earned money to those who raise prices for things just because they can. I may not be a politician or someone important in your eyes but I work hard for my money. I need to make sure that my money is worth something and what I buy with that money is worth it.

If these restrictions and regulations are passed there will be few who will be able to meet these demands but many who will not. The Outdoor Wood Fire Boilers have become very popular over the past few years and to ask people to make impossible changes to their boilers after they spent thousands of dollars getting them installed is just wrong. Most people live in towns or have neighbors less than 500' from them. There is no way these people are going to be able to make the changes being required. What then, they cannot use the asset they spent so much money on to help save money in this terrible economy. The money put forth for these furnaces was to help save when we got hit with the outrageous oil prices and increasing electric prices. We the common folks are just looking for a break just like the next person. We are trying to take care of our own while trying to provide food and shelter for our families. Why is it that there are always people in this world who can't get enough money on their own they have to try to get it from the HARD WORKING AMERICAN people. I'm not saying that there should not be regulations on the Outdoor Wood Fire Boilers, but they should be realistic and not so out in left field that only a small percentage of the population can abide by them. Please take my plea into consideration and avoid making life so much harder for the hard working middle class people. Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely,

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