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Dear Environmental Quality Board,

I am outraged and, quite frankly, flabbergasted, that you would have the audacity to consider restrictions on existing wood burners that were purchased and installed lawfully.

I have chosen NOT to heat my home with foreign oil, but rather to use a renewable resource - wood. This practice is consistent with the practices of Americans long before there was the bureaucracy called the DEP. Additionally, heating with an outdoor wood furnace eliminates the risk of fires and carbon monoxide poisoning associated with an indoor heating system.

I studied this system VERY CAREFULLY and find it unbelievable that you can use sweeping regulations that have nothing to do with the quality of my furnace. Additionally, heating with wood results in NO net increase in global warming gas emissions, yet you are basically making it impossible to use an outdoor furnace, thereby forcing us to destroy the planet by using other sources of fuel.

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to excessive chimney height requirements that are NOT based upon science.

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to seasonal prohibition between May 1 and Sept. 30 - again completely unreasonable and unwarranted.

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to opacity requirements for residential sized appliances because it is a subjective observation.

It is ludicrous to think that people who live rural areas, as I do, will comply with ridiculous and nonsensical regulations such as you have under consideration.

If passed as currently written, I believe that the regulation will adversely impact my RIGHTS and the rights of existing wood furnace owners. This type of regulation should be left to the municipalities - not to bureaucrats who show no knowledge of the subject matter.

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