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RE: Outdoor Wood Furnace

The recent controversy regarding use of outdoor wood furnaces (OWF) is of great concern to us.

We purchased and installed, at a large expense, an OWF and have been heating our home and hot water with it for the past few winter seasons. We made sure we complied with all federal and state requirements and always burn responsibly, and because of our ability to purchase such an item, we are no longer dependent on foreign oil and have reduced our financial expense each winter, no longer suffering the costs swings created by our home heating oil suppliers.

Our OWF is a way of life for us and has helped to teach our children family cohesiveness and cooperation, working together as a team out in the yard cutting, splitting and stacking wood. We have never cut down a tree but instead use the wood from trees that had to be cut down for other reasons. We only burn good clean wood! No garbage or trash. From a health perspective, our OWF is rarely seen with smoke coming from the stack and when compared to a home with an indoor wood stove that has smoke billowing from the stack all day long, our OWF burns more efficiently and effectively.

Being of a small New England town, we chat with our neighbors and have asked for their feedback over the years to make sure our OWF does not bother them in any way. They have all assured us that it does not, and that they love the smell of a clean wood fire.

We love our wood boiler. It would be a disservice to people of the State of Connecticut to ban the use of these furnaces, or any wood burning heating source. Focus should be placed on enforcement of laws that prohibit people of being irresponsible in their use of these furnaces and penalties imposed when people do not follow the laws.

Respectfully yours,

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