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Dear Members of the Environmental Committee,

Regarding the outdoor wood burning furnaces and the State of CT wanting to regulate them, I feel that you need to relook at this issue. I live next door to an owner of a Central Boiler outdoor wood burning furnace and have never had any issues of smoke in the 2 years that he has owned it to heat his family's home. I enjoy being outside gardening and taking care off my 1 acre property in Willington and have never had smoke issues of any kind whether it be windy or calm. In fact, if I didn't live by myself, I would seriously consider purchasing an outdoor wood burning furnace so I could stop spending my hard earn money on oil.

Recently I had 2 very large trees cut down and my neighbor who owns the Central Boiler offered to help me clean up my yard. I was thrilled to give him the wood so he could utilize the wood in such a manner that it didn't just get throw in the back yard taking decades to decompose, but I was able to recycle it into the form of heat for him.

For the State of CT to regulate outdoor wood burning furnaces, I find this idea difficult to grasp, as wood has heated homes since the beginning of time. It is a natural and a renewable resource. Many people operate outdoor wood burning furnaces responsibly and respectfully of their neighbors. Not all wood burning furnace owners should be punished and have their opportunity to burn wood taken away. I strongly feel this should be dealt with on an individual basis---punish the owners that are irresponsible.

Please consider and respect the good and responsible owners. Look at the very few that are really the problem, punish only the few and let the responsible owners continue to utilize this planet's natural and renewable resource.

Respectfully,

Karen Bradley