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Dear Environmental Committee:

For the last 14 years I have lived in Woodstock. I have heated my home with wood, burning barely one tank of foreign oil each year. Before I purchased my OWF this past fall I used a Tarm indoor oil/wood furnace. Since I began to use my OWF I can burn less wood and stay warmer and not worry about chimney fires or carbon monoxide to my guests, family, or myself.

My 20+ acres are bordered by several hundred acres of timber and abut approximately 350 acres of landlocked town land. The neighbors are across the street, a minimum of 650' away, and up the hill, not directly into the prevailing winds. Many of them may not even know that my OWF has been burning steadily and cleanly since mid October.

Wood is a renewable resource. I own acres, which I can clear responsibly and replant with the assistance of the state of CT or myself. Wood is split, stored and dried years in advance.

I am adding an in-law apartment over my garage for my 72 year old mother who lives off of her social security. The design of this OWF can easily heat her space as well, without a danger or risk to her. She is moving back here from the south and needs to be warm.

OWF cannot be used by everyone everywhere, nor should they burn whatever fits inside. I have installed my OWF according to federal, state, and local regulations with a permit signed by the town inspector. I burn responsibly and the OWF is much safer than having a fire inside my home for heat. Please do not punish those of us who play by the rules and would rather not use foreign oil.

This picture above shows the maximum smoke as the OWF calls for heat on a cold winter day, which is less than chimney smoke of the house chimney.

Thank you,
Leo Rimsa, 550 Perrin Road, Woodstock, CT, 06281