



Raised Bill No. 126 : An Act adding wood smoke to the Public Nuisance Code and concerning Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces

Referring to Section 1 Wood Smoke:

I want to make it clear, that I do not own a wood stove or wood furnace and do not cut, burn, or sell firewood, but I have a heart for those who do. I am here speaking on behalf of our state's residents who do utilize wood. I am appalled that a northern New England State over grown with firewood, a rich renewable resource, would ever consider classifying wood smoke as a public nuisance.

This is a glaring example of big government obsessed with over-regulation converging with a small group of nut-job obsessive-compulsive neighbors from hell to create a perfect legal storm with a team of over zealous lawyers. Good for attorneys, bad for the majority.

How about passing a bill that protects the majority from the true public nuisance, the narcissistic, nut-job neighbors?

The firewood industry in Connecticut is huge. Citizens use wood for economic reasons and many people market wood for economic reasons. This bill should go straight to the circular file for the protection of residents who sell and use firewood to survive.

Section 2 : Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces

Wood furnaces are an economical way to generate heat and hot water. To shut down furnaces from April to October would be a hardship, especially to those using wood furnaces to heat hot water for their homes.

Wood Furnace owners must comply with manufacturer's parameters and the Department of Environmental Protection mitigates wood furnace issues and levies fines when necessary.

Bill No. 126 is another example of over-regulation as there are enough regulations in place to deal with the very few who don't use their wood furnace properly. We need to focus our time and effort on protecting the rights of the common good rather than supporting the will of a few particular individuals. I recommend you oppose Bill 126.

*Thank you,
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