

March 5, 2010

Dear State of Connecticut,

My name is Jamie Zaushny, and I work for Mainline Heating and Supply in Ashford Connecticut. I am writing this letter today because I am very concerned about my job. I have a wife and two children and I am the sole provider for them. If you decide to over regulate outdoor wood boilers, then my job at Mainline Heating and Supply is in jeopardy.

I have recently learned that there have been 736 complaints about outdoor wood boilers. The population of Connecticut is approximately 3.5 million people. That means that .0002102% of the population has been burning an outdoor wood boiler in an irresponsible way. Never mind the fact that 213 of those 736 complaints were from the same person. 58 complaints for the Johnston residence OWF, his unit has been removed, problem solved. Has anyone ever even taken the time to follow up on these complaints to see how many of the OWFs are not in compliance with the existing regulations? How many of these complaints have been resolved already? How many of these complaints are the result of people misusing their boiler and burning trash? Let's work on going after these people that deserve to be penalized with hefty fines. Lets fix the existing problems. If there is no deterrent for these people, then their behavior will not change. I believe that if the state of Connecticut were to introduce additional regulations on OWFs, nothing would change. These same people will continue to disregard the law because they know that they can get away with it...and they don't care!

These outdoor wood boilers create many local jobs for people just like me. We are proud hardworking Americans that are respectful of the law and of the environment. Please think long and hard about your decisions, as they affect many of Connecticut's families just like mine.

Thank you for your time

Jamie Zaushny