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To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I have lived in Connecticut all of our lives. We have a home in Ashford, Ct and we have been heating our home and our detached 3 bag garage with an outdoor wood burning furnace for a little over 3 years now. First let me tell you that it has paid for itself and then some. We have saved a tremendous amount of money by owning our outdoor furnace. Both my husband and I work in the construction busniess, so wood is readily available for us to purchase from local land owners or harvest ourselves from land that we have purchased. Trees are a great renewable resourse. The world is talking about finding alternate ways people can cut down on the usage of oil , petroleum based products, and fossil fuels. This is a great recourse that can be utilized by many, while still being environmentally conscious. We have neighbors, and we have talked with them intently about our furnace, and they do not mind. In our case it just happens that most of our neighbors have wood burning fireplaces in their homes, and use frequently through out the winter months, which create as much smoke if not more than my outdoor furnace. My outdoor furnace burns at a higher heat index so there is usually less smoke coming from it, than there is coming from my neighbors fireplace chimney. I think it is absolutely absurd that the State of Connecticut feels that it has the right to tell me how I may or may not heat my home to begin with, but to try and regulate out of existance or even ban the use of a safe and effective heating system, that is keeping more money in the pockets of it's citizens, and out of the hands of the big oil companies is an injustice, not to mention unconstitutional. Our rights are dwindling down to non existance with regard to the ownership of our properties. And the government on local, state and federal levels just keep taking more and more rights away from us. Will people have to stop using their wood burning fireplaces next?

I believe that it is any government's right to use it's power to not only determine whether or not laws should be passed, but to also sit back and take a look at it's own power and determine when to enforce it and when it should be able to decide, that it should not be involved in certain aspects.

Sincerely,  
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