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My name is Scott Bradley and I am the President of Mainline Heating and Supply up in Ashford. I am also a very proud owner of two Central Boiler outdoor wood furnaces. I have completely eliminated all of my heating bills for the last thirteen years. My energy independence from the roller coaster ride of foreign oil has been an incredible journey. I heat my home, garage, domestic hot water, and even our hot tub with one OWF. I use the wood that is on my property in Stafford Springs and have NEVER had ANY form of an issue with any of my neighbors. I also heat my 7000 square foot commercial building in Ashford and our domestic hot water with the other OWF and have NEVER EVER had an issue with a neighbor there either.

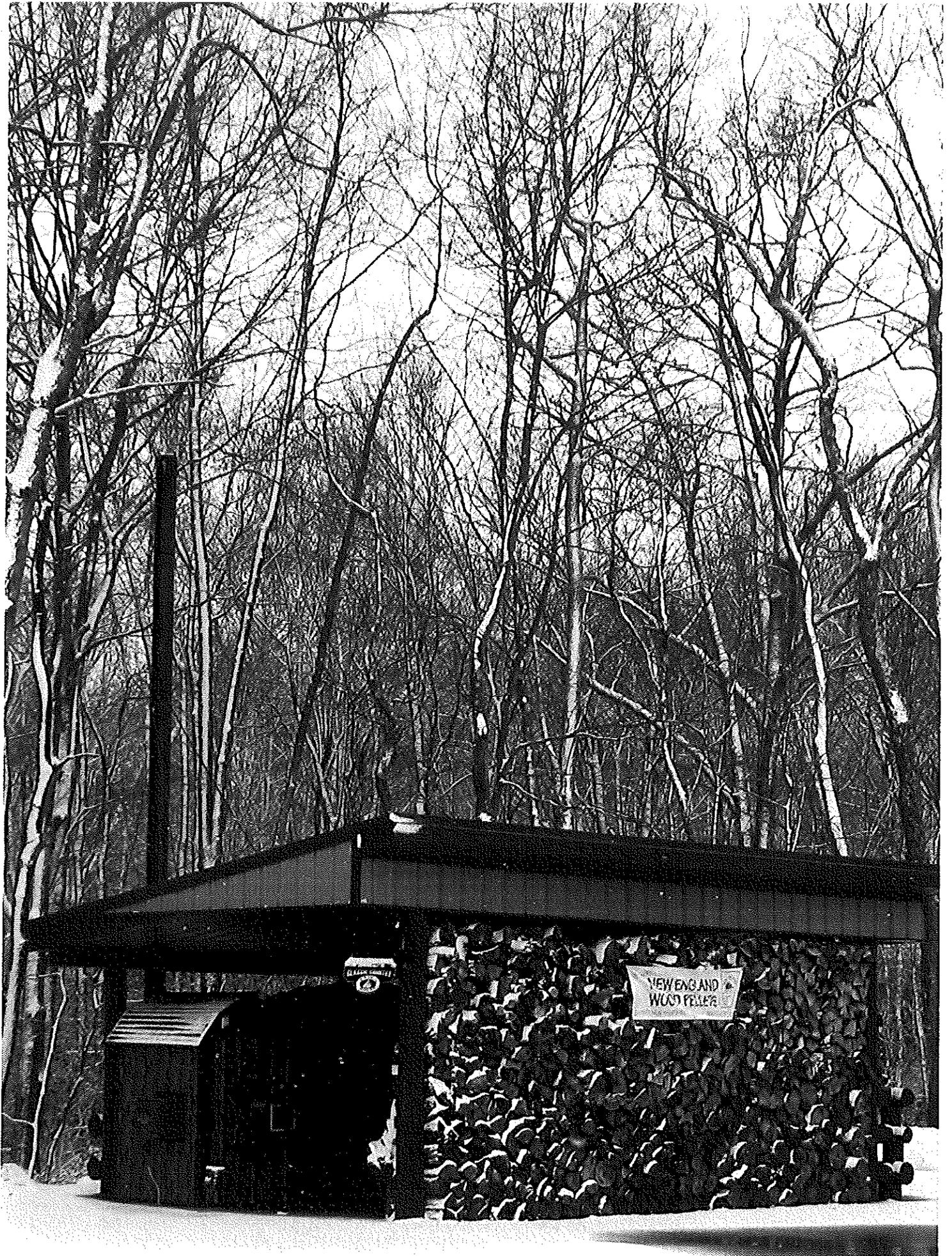
I run a very quality business devoted completely to the alternative heating needs of Connecticut's struggling work force. I completely understand and agree with the current regulations (senate bill # 05 - 227) that have been in place since July 11<sup>th</sup> of 2005. I also feel that there are still a very small percentage of users that do not respect their neighbors, their own families, their furnaces, and even themselves by burning completely irresponsibly. When used properly with seasoned firewood during the heating season, the OWFs are a fantastic, reliable, carbon neutral, safe source of free heat. I feel that over regulating or even considering a ban on these furnaces is completely ridiculous. Enforcing the current laws is what really needs to happen. Voting out an industry that eliminates our dependence on foreign oil makes no sense at all. There are constant improvements within the industry happening on a daily basis resulting in new technology for even more efficient and cleaner burning units. There is a \$1500 Federal tax credit going on right now if you purchase a qualifying unit.

Penalizing Connecticut's hard working citizens by banning the OWFs is not the right answer. Penalizing the irresponsible consumer that burns inappropriate materials or during the summer time with close by neighbors IS the answer. The units need to be treated on a case-by-case basis. Fine the owner that has no regard and or respect for his neighbor, not the responsible user that burns correctly. Make the fine large enough to cover the enforcement officer's wages and then some. The second offense should be double that fee and the third offense grounds for shut down. When someone gets caught driving drunk or speeding, they arrest or ticket that person, not the auto industry as a whole. Facts will show that innocent people are killed and or maimed every single hour of every single day by automobiles. Show me one case of someone even getting hurt, let alone killed from an OWF. By taking the fire outside the home you eliminate the chances of chimney fires, which burn over 23,000 homes nationwide per year and kill countless people. Some people suggest that we use Natural Gas due to its clean burning. Unfortunately, NG is not available to the majority of homes in rural CT. Does everyone understand the carbon footprint and the ramifications of what NG does to the atmosphere? You all know the dangers of NG explosions? Oil is an option that is plagued with corruption, war, hazardous spills, high volatile prices, and Co2 gasses that threaten our very existence.

I ask you to please consider ALL aspects of these units and do not make a bias, uneducated, rash decision due to a handful of disrespectful miss users of a great product. There are plenty of people that use these units properly and safely. Most of the OWFs are made right here in the United States and a few in Canada.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Scott M. Bradley, President



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