

Environment Committee Members,

My name is Dan Reemsnyder and I co-own and operate Fine Point Supply, along with my father, Robert Reemsnyder, located in Old Lyme, CT. We have been selling Central Boiler outdoor furnaces since 2003. Any new legislation regarding Outdoor Wood Furnaces would affect over 100 families that have purchased through our company alone.

I do not support Senate Bill 126 as written.

Public Act 05-227 has been in place since 2005 and the law requires that outdoor wood burning furnaces have to be at least 200 feet away from the nearest neighboring home not served by the furnace. The chimney on these appliances needs to be taller than the roof peaks of any neighboring residences within 500 feet and all owners must use proper fuels. I believe that this law is reasonable and I believe that this law works.

Unfortunately, the fact that Public Act 05-227 has been in place for 5 years seems to have been lost in almost all of the Connecticut media articles regarding outdoor wood burning furnaces in the last few months. Instead it has focused on solely negative issues, whether they are factual or contrived.

Over the course of the last two legislative sessions, the CT DEP has attempted to get a 3-day right of rescission Bill passed. Other northeast states such as Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts have been establishing emissions standards, along with the basic siting criteria that Connecticut already has in place. I have wondered why the DEP did not follow what the other northeast states have done.

I would respectfully request that you research the legislation of other states thoroughly before enacting extreme legislation that would be harmful to our business. As supporters of clean air and water, we feel that the new outdoor wood furnaces that meet the EPA emission standards are the way to go.

Thank you for your time and consideration to our point of view.