

My name is Douglas Vynalek. I live at 368 Blue Hills Rd. Durham Ct. 06422. I am here today to tell you that I am not in favor of SB 830. This bill is bad for me and our state's citizens. Here is why;

I own and operate a wood fired hydronic heater manufactured by Central Boiler. I am amazed by how efficiently this device converts the wood fuel to heat for my home. The heat produced, heats my entire home, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. It also heats my domestic hot water. And it does it in a way that produces exhaust comparable to many of the internal wood stoves that I have operated in the past, that have only produced supplemental radiant heat for part of my home.

- I purchased this appliance lawfully.
- It was lawfully installed.
- And I operate this appliance lawfully.

My system allows me to heat my home in a safe and self sufficient manner. It allows me to take care of myself. I am self reliant on harvesting dead wood off of my own property. This supply of wood is a renewable source. As older diseased trees die, new trees are born. None of my time invested in this effort results in dollars traveling out of country and over seas, to where it might be spent on god knows what activity.

I know of other owners and users of these systems who supplement their wood supply with wood harvested and purchased near by. All of this money spent supports our local and state economy!

I choose to operate my hydronic heater only during the winter months. For me this is a personal choice. I like to have my windows open in the Summer time just like everyone else. And I value my relationship with my wonderful neighbors. I would never operate my appliance in any fashion that would cause discomfort or annoyance to them. I've discussed this with them several times to make sure that they are not bothered in any way. Their response has been that they sometimes forget that I have it going at all. They have also commented that some days when the wind is just right, they enjoy the faint waft of wood fire in the air.

I do not understand why anyone would have a problem with an outdoor wood furnace that is legally operated.

I have a significant investment in my system. The changes proposed in this law would put that entire investment at risk of loss. I can not afford to suffer such a loss.

My dramatically low use of heating oil (burned only during the summer months to heat water) reduces demand for heating oil, resulting in increased supply for others needing it. This helps in a small way to reduce the cost of this non renewable fuel source for everyone else.

The exercise involved with collecting and storing my firewood is good for my health. There is no need for me to pay for a gym membership. I thoroughly enjoy this exercise.

At night when I am sitting with my family, I feel good knowing that my time and effort has resulted in a warm and comfortable home.

Please do not pass this hurtful legislation that would take all of this away from me.