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Testimony in regards to Raised Bill #830
An Act Prohibiting the Use of Certain Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces

I am opposed to an outright ban on wood burning furnaces. I feel this is a band-aid approach to the problem of emissions. What you need to do is put restrictions on the manufacturing of those stoves so they do not emit the pollutants that you are concerned with. Just because you have cars that put out emissions doesn't mean you should ban all cars. They need to meet standards. This is the direction you need to go with outdoor wood burning. Other states have addressed this problem without a total ban. Most of the problems come from neighbors having squabbles with neighbors then burning garbage or other things to aggravate them.

Most of your complaints have come from a few units. There should be a study of why these units are a point of contention. It may be in many cases it isn't the furnace that is the problem just another way for somebody to get back at somebody else. I know of people with hundreds of acres that will not be able to burn wood if this bill is passed. I encourage you to solve the problem in other ways rather than putting a hardship on people that do not have the means to buy expensive fossil fuels.

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