

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY
FEBRUARY 9, 2011

RE: Senate Bill 830, AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF CERTAIN OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACES.

Dear Environment Committee Chairs and Membership,

I'm writing in response to the proposed law for banning outdoor wood-burning furnaces. I want you to know that I have been using an outdoor wood furnace for 2.5 seasons now. I have followed state and town guidelines, use good burn practices (dry wood) and I even checked with my neighbors (which they are fine with me using OWF). In fact, some even ask me to take the wood they have had taken down.

I just think it's unfair for someone or some group to now tell me that I can't use an OWF. I know many people who use OWF's lawfully and responsibly. Please don't throw the baby out with the bath water. Go after those who are irresponsible and not considerate, as opposed to the rest of us who work hard to save some money and to not be locked into the oil companies clutches. Please vote no to Senate Bill 830!

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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