

We have been burning wood for 30 or more years before purchasing our outdoor wood furnace in March of 2009. We decided to purchase an outdoor wood furnace because we wanted a safer woodstove that wasn't in the house because of several chimney fires that we had in the past. The type of wood boiler we purchased was the Central Boiler E-Classic 2300 Gassification Wood Boiler that is Phase 2 Qualified. The cost of the system was approximately \$17,000.00 which consisted of the stove, piping, various heaters, and the cost of excavation. We acquired the proper permits from the Town of Canterbury and sited the stove properly. There is only one close neighbor to our property at 250 feet west from the stove and we ensured that the stack was higher than their home.

We burn 24" seasoned firewood that we have cut and split ourselves on local private properties. In addition to heating our home and domestic water, the stove is also used to heat 2 outbuildings that are used for hobbies that include woodworking, auto restoration and maple sugar candy making. If we were unable to burn our outdoor wood furnace we would have to use 3 indoor wood stoves. These 3 stoves would only heat our home and 2 outbuildings and we would have to burn oil to heat our domestic water. With rising food, gas prices, increasing health care rates, more furlough days and layoffs in the near future this is how we are able to survive. It is becoming harder to afford to live in the State of Connecticut.

We urge you to oppose Bill No. 830, which will take away our right to use our outdoor wood furnace which we have purchased, installed properly and burn responsibly.

Respectfully,

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