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To: Environment Committee Leaders & Members

Dear Leaders & Members:

I am writing today to state our vehement opposition to Senate Bill 830. Hull Forest Products in Pomfret Center CT employs 48 associates. Not only does this bill propose to prevent over a dozen of our employees from heating their homes with outside wood boilers but you also want to help take our jobs away.

In 2010 Hull Forest Products sold 2,893 cords of tree length firewood for use as wood fuel. Wood is one of the few locally available, renewable, carbon neutral, fuels available to us in CT. If you take away our wood boilers do you propose we burn oil or would you have us burn coal? If oil do you want to send your sons and daughters to defend foreign oil destined for the USA or are you instead in favor of mountain top strip mining in West Virginia to provide coal? Wood produces hardly any sulfur when burned and does not emit mercury. Oil & coal are big emitters of sulfur and mercury and a lot of other really bad stuff. You just can't see it.

To make criminals out of us for having an outside wood furnace is simply un American and patently unfair. We all bought these stoves legally, permitted them properly, installed them professionally and have been using them for years. Now retroactively you want to tell us to throw a \$10,000 home investment for each installed boiler down the drain?

Please come to your senses and reject Senate Bill 830.

Respectfully,

William B. Hull
CEO