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Representative Richard Roy, Co-Chair of the Environment Committee  
CC: Senator Andrew Roraback, Ranking Member of the Environment Committee  
Representative Clark Chapin, Ranking Member of the Environment Committee

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**RE: SB 830 An Act Prohibiting the Use of Certain Outdoor Wood-burning  
Furnaces**

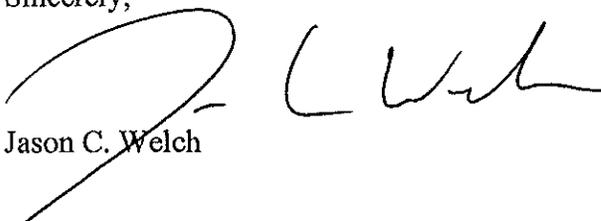
I write to oppose this bill for the following reasons.

Today, there are currently few (affordable) options for regular citizens to break their dependency on heating with oil. There are solar panels and wind turbines, but these are very expensive and still evolving for residential use. Many of our Connecticut residents do not have the option of using natural gas, especially in the rural areas of the state.

The one option that is readily available, and is an abundant local natural resource is wood. Burning wood is carbon neutral and very affordable. When our residents purchase wood as a fuel, they are purchasing a product from a local supplier. With the current economic climate, it is essential that we support our local businesses.

This proposal will ban the use of outdoor wood furnaces. Our residents have made sizable investments in this equipment, and they would be required to make an immediate change. The rights of these responsible citizens need to be protected.

Sincerely,



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