

Good afternoon {Madam/ Mr.} Chairman
Members of the Committee
My name is Darla Bennett from Washington, Ct.
And I also speak for my husband Joseph Bennett

We are opposing Bill No. 830 in regards to prohibiting the use of Outdoor Wood Furnaces.

Several years ago we purchased an OWF as a long term investment { over \$16,000} to convert from our indoor wood stoves. We felt this would be much safer and cleaner.. This furnace heats our entire home, our garage and supplies us with hot water. I feel that this is VERY energy efficient. We operate a tree service business, so wood is easily available. My son also has an OWF and we supply wood for him. Our home is equipped for electric heat which would be very costly.

So what's next to be banned? wood stoves? Fireplaces?
Camp fires?

Why should we be punished for finding an alternative to oil?
A natural source at that.

What about the merchants that sell these furnaces?
There goes more businesses & jobs out of Connecticut.

We also feel that this bill is being proposed to benefit wood burning plants in use. We had a plant from out of state contact us on obtaining products from our business Logs, wood chips, whatever. There was mention a while back of a proposal for a wood burning plant to go into Watertown, Ct.

We have lawfully followed all the regulations, inspections and fees when we installed this furnace.

We strongly urge you to oppose Bill No.830 which will take away our rights to use an OWF.

THANK YOU