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To: Sen Dembrow; Sen Edwards C; Sen Olsen; Sen Prozanski; Sen Thomsen
Subject: Hb 3068 Testimony

Dear Senators:

Any bills which require the Department of Environmental Quality to reduce an output (in this case smoke) gives me concern regarding the possibility of strongarm tactics. DEQ does not have a reputation for using "kind and gentle" methods for accomplishing their objectives. I am also concerned about the number of bills, including this one, that move decision making to Salem and out of local communities

I would like to make two recommendations regarding this bill:

1. Require the workgroup to include two members of the public who use wood heat in their homes.
2. Include in the analysis information regarding the average income level of those relying on wood heat, I would predict that the income level of those relying on wood heat may be below the average for the state. This analysis should be a factor in identifying the types of recommendations that would cause the least impact on the public and taxpayers while having a positive impact on reducing smoke produced by wood stoves.

Thank you for reading my comments. I would like these comments included in the public record for the above bill.

Sincerely,

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