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Representative Tammie Wilson
State Capitol
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Dear Representative Wilson:

HB 323 could provide a group of Borough residents within the EPA's PM 2.5 non-attainment area, a method to replace certain space heating devices through an AHFC funding structure.

It appears this legislation would address a method to finance an audit and replacement effort to those residents who have not been able to take advantage of existing State and Borough programs that provide rebates or purchase order approvals to upgrade their space heating devices.

The Legislature has previously provided state funding for the FNSB local voluntary solid fuel burning device change out and removal program. This new funding program in HB323 appears to be used as a stand-alone method, utilized when existing programs are not available.

This additional financing programming would be yet another method that will contribute to the reduction of particulate emissions through voluntary control measures that have been shown to improve our air quality locally.

Sincerely,

Luke Hopkins, Mayor

cc: Linda Anderson