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Honorable _____
U.S. Representative/Senator
Washington, DC 20515/20510

Re: Please Cosponsor the Clean Stove Act

Dear Representative/Senator:

As a member of the hearth industry and representing a small business in your state, I would like to thank you for your support of small businesses and urge you to cosponsor the Clean Stove Act, introduced by U.S. Representative John Salazar in the House and U.S. Senator Mike Crapo in the Senate (H.R. 4244 and S. 2576, respectively). The Clean Stove Act would provide a \$500 consumer tax credit for the removal of old, higher polluting conventional wood stoves with new, much cleaner burning EPA-certified and pellet stoves.

Many areas in the U.S. are facing major air quality problems from fine particulate matter (PM). Older, dirty burning wood stoves are a source of PM and soot in many of these areas. New, cleaner burning EPA-certified wood stoves (those made after 1992) and pellet-fueled appliances burn so clean (up to 70% cleaner!) as to significantly decrease the pollutant levels of indoor and outdoor air.

The tax credit proposed in the Clean Stove Act will encourage consumers to remove these old appliances and replace them with an EPA-certified, clean burning appliance. Not only will this measure support cleaner air and healthier homes, but it will support the many small businesses that work in the hearth industry in our state. Also, there is the added benefit that new hearth appliances are much more energy-efficient than older ones (by up to 50 percent), burning less fuel for more heat and ultimately saving families money on their home heating bills.

Again, I urge you to please cosponsor the Clean Stove Act. We have seen firsthand the dramatic air quality improvements that result from wood stove changeouts around the country. However, changeouts would have taken longer to occur without some form of financial assistance. You have the ability to help constituents make the best, cleanest choices for home heating, air quality and energy efficiency in our state and the rest of the country. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Title]
[Name of Company]