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Murphy and Hart Bill Promotes Cleaner, Healthier Homes

(Washington, D.C.) – Families in Southwestern Pennsylvania will be breathing cleaner air and living healthier lives as a result of the combined efforts of U.S. Representatives Tim Murphy (PA-18) and Melissa Hart (PA-4). Murphy and Hart introduced the Wood Stove Replacement Act, H.R. 3928, to provide a \$500 tax credit to families who replace old wood burning stoves in their homes.

“Pollution caused by old, inefficient wood burning stoves is a serious health concern for the Pittsburgh community,” Congressman Murphy said. “Breathing in the soot in the air leads to respiratory ailments such as asthma and bronchitis, causing people to miss work and school. Providing an incentive to families to switch to new, clean-burning wood stoves will lead to healthier living.”

“I was happy to work with Representative Murphy on this legislation, which will provide real assistance to consumers and help protect the environment,” Congresswoman Hart stated. “While we face record-high energy costs, many people will opt to use more traditional wood-burning stoves to heat their homes this winter. With over 10 million old wood stoves still in use today, this bill will help with a transition towards a cleaner technology reducing wood smoke emissions by 90 percent.”

The introduction of the bill coincides with National Wood Stove Change-Out Day, when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is encouraging owners of old wood stoves to trade them in for new, EPA certified units.

“During the height of the fuel crisis in the 1970s many families purchased wood stoves to save money and conserve energy. More than three decades later, these stoves are outdated and a hazard,” Murphy concluded. “I look forward to continuing working with Representative Hart to encourage families to switch to new energy efficient wood stoves that will heat their homes safely.”

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