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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave Northwest
Washington, D.C .20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I am writing to request a meeting regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule to establish more stringent air emissions requirements for new residential wood heaters. Thousands of Montanans use wood stoves to provide cost-effective heat, and there are questions and concerns about whether the proposed regulation will affect access to new residential wood heaters, or ultimately force consumers to pay higher prices.

I understand the proposed regulations would impose significant new requirements on new residential wood-burning stoves and other wood burning appliances used in the United States. While the rule would not impact existing wood stoves, I believe it is crucial that the EPA consider the feasibility of implementing the proposed rule and whether the agency's policies would reduce access to affordable, reliable wood stoves in the future.

As Montana's voice in the House of Representatives, I would like to meet with your staff regarding the proposed EPA regulation. My scheduler, Jesika Whittle, will be promptly in touch with your staff to ensure that the meeting occurs in the near future. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

STEVE DAINES
Member of Congress (MT-At Large)

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