

Here are some sample letters to the editors of local newspapers for Bay area. Feel free to edit them however you need to. Add your own thoughts, or just use them as they are...

Dear Editor,

I would encourage everyone to attend one of the upcoming AQMD public meetings on wood burning restrictions. If they have it their way you won't be able to burn your low cost (or no cost) fuel to heat your rooms. Don't be shy. Speak up at one or more of the several planned meetings where the public is allowed to speak up. They are eliminating our energy options and encouraging our dependence on natural gas. There's a list of times and places on [hbpacific.org](http://hbpacific.org).

Dear Editor,

There's no reason why I can't continue to burn wood in my stove and fireplace and still be responsible. There are many new fireplace products that burn wood and pellets so efficiently that contribution to poor air quality is almost negligent. Your option to burn wood when you most need it will be taken from you if you don't speak up at one of the air district's public meetings. Let your elected officials know how you feel. There are other answers to our air issues.

Dear Editor,

Those of us who have done the right thing and upgraded in the last several years to EPA certified clean burning wood stoves and fireplaces are going to end up being punished if our air district has their way. We should be able to burn them on no-burn days since they do not pollute...that's why we bought them! If you agree, go to one of the air district public meetings being held this month and tell them how you feel.

Dear Editor,

Here comes Big Brother. He's telling me what I can burn in my fireplace and when I can burn it. There are so many other sources of pollution, why are they focusing on the one way I can afford to heat my house?

Dear Editor,

I own a store that sells wood stoves and fireplace products. This industry has developed amazing smokeless appliances for many years. Those who own older wood burning stoves and open fireplaces should do the right thing and upgrade to these cleaner ways to heat. We all need to be part of the solution. In the meantime, I urge you to attend one of the Bay Area Air District public meetings and let them know that their newly proposed Regulation 6 is way too unfair to those of us who burn wood responsibly.