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Air quality is very important, but in a place with such extreme cold in the winter, people need to be able to heat their homes. The proposed regulations would make it extremely hard for people to stay warm in the winter.

In my house, we have an oil heater as our main heat source, and it works pretty well if the outside temperature is above 0. But if it's below 0, we have to use our wood stove in addition to the heater in order to keep our house reasonably comfortable. If the power were to go out, our wood stove would be our only heat source. Without it, we would freeze.

Many people recommend pellet stoves, but from what I've been told, pellet stoves require electricity to run. If people had those instead of wood stoves, they would have no heat source at all if the power went out, unless they happened to have a generator. That is unacceptable!

Requiring people to only use heat sources that require electricity will leave them in serious danger if the power goes out, and it will also be a huge financial hardship to people who can't afford to buy new heat sources.

Instead of burdening Alaskans with more regulations on how to heat their homes, please crack down on other things that affect air quality. For example, lots of people leave their cars running for long periods of time in the winter, even if no one is inside. I'm pretty sure it's illegal to leave a car running if it's unattended, but people do it all the time. It's impossible to walk through a store parking lot without having to hold one's breath to avoid breathing car exhaust. That is bad air quality!

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