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This is a comment supporting the new proposed measure lowering the threshold for burn bans from 30 micrograms of PM 2.5 per cubic meter to 25 micrograms per cubic meter. It is time to do this. Breathing unhealthy air contributes to a host of serious chronic health problems, a few of which are asthma, heart disease and stroke. It is a factor in premature birth. These are not low cost to manage.

February 25, 2016 my husband's life was changed forever. Our neighborhood was blanketed in smoke from a man in our neighborhood who felt that it is his right to burn wet wood. Apparently it is, because he still does it. After breathing that smoke for a month, my husband went into atrial fibrillation and had a major stroke. The ambulance and hospital bill came to roughly \$35,000 dollars. Now he sees a cardiologist at least twice a year and takes a blood thinner that costs \$500.00 per month. He is in Atrial fibrillation 100 percent of the time. The only thing keeping him from another stroke is the blood thinner. In addition, we now have to spend winters out of state because if we stay here, the heavy winter air pollution could cause another stroke for him, or for me. Since I take care of him, I do not know what we would do if I needed help too. Paying rent to stay away from home and airfare is no small expense.

In addition, though my husband recovered well, the stroke robbed him of his energy and strength so he can no longer do the outdoor Alaska activities he so loved. One of the side effects of the kind of stroke he had is that he overestimates what he can do and can get into difficulties.

I hear so much about the economic consequences of reducing air pollution. Why are the economic consequences of air pollution caused health problems never taken into consideration? Why is quality of life not a consideration? Why is health not a consideration?

Please approve and implement the new proposed measure lowering the threshold for burn bans from 30 micrograms of pm 2.5 per cubic meter to 25 grams of pm 2.5 per cubic meter. It is time.

Sincerely,
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I just submitted a comment and realized there is a typo at the end of my comment. It should read, please approve and implement lowering the threshold for burn bans from 30 micrograms of pm 2.5 per cubic meter to 25 micrograms of pm2.5 per cubic meter. In my previous comment I accidentally typed 25 grams instead of micrograms.
Thank you.

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