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Dear California Air Resource Board,

Years ago I used to have to sleep sitting up in bed at night. I had one of those back rest type pillows with the arms, and a couple of regular pillows to prop my neck while I slept. I slept this way because if I tried to lay down, I couldn't breathe. The wheezing, coughing, and choking would begin. Even sitting up, I woke at least twice in the night and would have to use my inhalers (2 of them) to open my airway to breathe again.

An old friend brought an EcoQuest air purifier to my home and I actually thought he was silly. I promised I'd try it out though, so I did. The "history" since that day is this: I have not so much as owned an inhaler in years, I take no medications for asthma, and I've been sleeping laying down like a normal person ever since! I wouldn't give up my air purifier for anything! I like breathing! Have gotten used to it! I've even bought the same machines for my grandkids because they inherited my asthma type issues. Needless to say they breathe freely and easily now too!

I only use the highest setting on my machine to give a good cleaning to the individual rooms of my house like bedrooms once a week. It's wonderful! It gives my pillows, mattress, and the whole room a very fresh environment and I sleep best the days immediately following (and of course that night too).

You know, If I were to turn my heater up as high as it will go, and stand with my face about 2 inches from the register, I'd probably induce not just an asthma attack again, but one that could kill me. If I held my hand 2 inches over the stove burners when on, I'd need a plastic surgeon (at least)! We all use heaters when we're cold, and stoves to cook our food. It would be equally ludicrous to ban those two appliances as it would be to ban my air purifier.

Please consider the reality of the benefit to the people like me who truly live a much better quality of life due to using this machine. At least leave us the choice to use it or not to! You trust us with stoves and heaters, and those can both burn the house down!

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