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Extreme Makeover: Home Edition - ABC Television Network  
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Mr. Moore,

I was disgusted while watching ABC's Extreme Makeover on September 27. I would advise you to immediately correct the damage done to the millions of oilheat consumers and the tens of thousands of men and women who work in the oilheat industry.

Heating oil is currently used safely by nine million Americans. It is safe, clean, modern and efficient. Comments on the show were ludicrous and irresponsible. Mr. Pennington said, "This is like flammable fluid that's like a bomb waiting to go off underneath your house (hits the fuel oil tank with his hand). It's like a matchstick waiting to just get ignited, and the only thing above it is just timber ready to burn. I think that fear that their family is in danger really hits home when you see what's in the basement."

**Mr. Pennington has no clue what he is talking about.** Heating oil will not burn unless it is atomized and above 126 degrees Fahrenheit. The wood in the basement will burn much sooner than the oil in the tank. Tanks used in homes are required by Building Codes published by the National Fire Protection Association to be listed by Underwriters Laboratory (UL). For a tank to be approved by UL, it must be able to sustain a 30 minute fire.

Oilheat consumers are not in any danger, but don't take our word for it— any intern could have easily found the information on the Dept. of Energy website.

Please respond to my concerns and issue a correction. Otherwise I can not recommend that anyone watch this show, donate to this show, or buy advertising from a TV station that carries this show. You must answer for the damage you have done to our industry and the hard working men and women who provide warmth and safety to millions of Americans.

Sincerely,



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