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To the members of the PUC:

I am appalled at the recent proposal to short-change and essentially gut any meaningful attempts at energy efficiency in NH, as outlined in PUC Order (Order 26.553, Docket DE 20-092) dated November 12, 2021. How you can justify this short-sighted proposal is beyond my comprehension! Saving energy saves money, jobs, climate, habitat, reduces pollution and makes people's lives more comfortable and affordable. Assisting people in being able to upgrade their houses to make them more weather-tight and efficient is a no-brainer, from a government and community perspective and certainly from the homeowner's standpoint as well. It does not cost the ratepayers' money, it saves us money, and it provides good jobs for our hard-working contractors.

At our house, we participated in the NHSaves program, and it allowed us to insulate our basement and seal around doors and windows, working with knowledgeable local contractors. Our house is much more efficient now and we don't spend as much money on electricity, fuel oil and wood to heat our home. We think others should be able to benefit from this program as well, but you have cut the program back so much that not many people will be able to participate. Also you have made it more difficult for large companies to participate; these companies are the job creators, and once again you are putting roadblocks in their ability to be competitive with our neighboring states. You are driving these companies out of state.

I do hope that you will return this proposal to its original goals consistent with the triennial plan. I am tired of living in a state that is perpetually behind in all indicators of good health and sound economic decision making. This decision endangers health and adds another nail in the coffin of the NH economy.

Sincerely,

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