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Dear NH Public Utilities Commission members,

I urge you to support increased funding for the NHSaves home energy efficiency rebates. Home weatherization and efficient appliances definitely save people in our state money, reduce their heating fuel and utility bills, and makes their homes warmer in winter and cooler in summer. This is a huge benefit for all of us. Several friends and acquaintances have benefitted from NHSaves, with better insulated and energy efficient homes. It has been a successful program, with support from the electric utilities in our state and and skilled contractors across the state that do the insulation and weatherization work.

Energy conservation such as provided by insulation, weatherization and energy efficiency improvements that NHSaves helps pay for also has broader benefits for all us, not just the individual homeowners. Less demand for electricity means less need to keep running less efficient power plants, which means lower rates for electricity.

And home weatherization and energy conservation is a proven, effective and immediately available tool that we have to mitigate the effects of climate change. It's a tool we can use right now, and have been using. It's effective action we can take!

I urge you to change your decision on the SBC, the allowed amount that can be added to residential and commercial utility bills to pay for the NHSaves program. I urge you to change your decision to an increase, not a decrease. The cost to all of us rate payers is small, we're all chipping in a little bit, and the benefits are big. Anyone can apply for the rebates, and homeowners are eligible depending on the square footage of their house and the amount they pay annually for home heating. If you can save a substantial amount of fuel and money, then you are probably eligible. The energy conservation can keep expensive-to-run power plants offline, which lowers our rates. And again the broader benefit to reduce the hazards of climate change is a big plus.

Thank you for hearing my views on this important concern.

Sincerely,

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