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Office of the Governor
State House
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Dear Governor Sununu:

We strongly oppose the New Hampshire Public Utility Commission's (PUC) decision to reject the State's Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan. This decision has essentially put an end to the NH Saves Program – a program that has benefited New Hampshire residents, small businesses, municipalities, commercial entities, and our NH environment.

The NH Saves Program has aided NH homeowners (especially those with low incomes) by saving money on their heating bills and improving the comfort in their homes.

NH small businesses that specialize in energy efficiency related services, like insulation and air-sealing have begun laying off employees upon receiving notice that Eversource will stop taking new applications related to the NH Saves Program and to halt energy audits.

The Town of Newbury has embraced the NH Saves Program by enrolling municipal buildings in the energy audit process and was counting on financial incentives to help fund energy saving measures at these buildings.

Weatherization not only helps households, it also helps revitalize communities by spurring economic growth and reducing environmental impact and returns \$2.78 in non-energy benefits for every \$1.00 invested in the Program (National Evaluation). Once installed, energy-efficient weatherization measures continue to save money and energy year after year and increase household incomes so funds can go towards key living expenses.

According to rankings released by the nonpartisan American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), New Hampshire's 2020 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard is lowest in the Northeast.

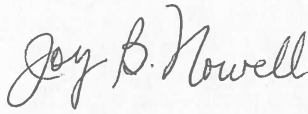
We urge you to please tell the PUC that the State's Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan should be approved and funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy increased.

Thank you,

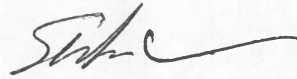
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