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Joanna,

Thank you for doing this!

Evan.

On Sun, Dec 6, 2020 at 9:27 PM Joanna Sharf <josharf@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear PUC Commissioners,

This letter is to urge you to approve the 2021-2023 energy efficiency plan as updated by the settlement agreement signed by the Consumer Advocate, the Conservation Law Foundation, Clean Energy New Hampshire, and all four of our electric and natural gas utilities.

I am a resident of Cornish, NH, and have been a volunteer on our town energy committee. I have seen over the past 6 years the benefits of the NHSaves program. By promoting the weatherization of homes and the use of energy efficient appliances, NHSaves has saved our town residents thousands of dollars in heating bills and electricity bills.

It is critical that our state promote every energy efficiency incentive program that it can. These programs have proved over the years without a doubt that they save ratepayers more money than the small SBC costs them. Raising the small systems benefit charge would not only benefit ratepayers over the long term, but it would also benefit our whole state by reducing energy usage and diminishing our carbon footprint.

We are facing in the near term a significant rise in costs of not taking care of our environment -- storm clean-ups, drought, economic hardship. It behooves our state to promote the weatherization industry -- the NHSaves program can create good paying jobs, and we need more of those workers to be trained.

At this critical time, we should be increasing this form of true economic stimulus -- not cutting it off.

Thank you for considering my comments. I hope you will make the right choice by looking toward the future of our environment, our economy and our state, and approve the settlement agreement by December 28 at the latest.

Sincerely,
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