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Ms. Debra Howland, Executive Director  
NH Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-7319

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Ms. Howland:

I am writing to urge the New Hampshire PUC to adopt a Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan with increased spending on energy measures, as agreed to by participating utilities. Lebanon Housing Authority and its low-income residents have benefited greatly from NHSaves programs over the years. Those residents who pay their own electricity bills have saved directly from energy improvements, and other residents have gained comfort and safety. Lebanon Housing Authority has achieved significant money saving reductions in its electricity usage thanks to partnerships with Liberty Utilities over the years. During my time here as Executive Director, Liberty Utilities has collaborated with Lebanon Housing Authority to provide energy efficient hot water heaters, lighting fixtures, windows, insulation, appliances, thermostats and more depending on funding availability.

Locally, in our community, we are also aware that the utilities support weatherization projects for low-income homeowners throughout the State of NH providing direct benefits that help families save substantially on heating and electric costs. Many projects and programs are dealing with major backlogs due to funding limitations.

It is very discouraging and disheartening that the PUC could be influenced or manipulated in its ongoing commitment to such a worthwhile and established program that has proven its success over and over. More energy efficiency measures are needed as public engagement and understanding of the dire importance of energy improvements and the benefits grows.



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Resistance seems to be rooted in reasons that have nothing to do with the interests of NH residents and small businesses, who benefit from key savings to help them stay afloat. The resistance appears to be related to climate adaption measures and further investigation may show this resistance to have been orchestrated from \*out of state\*.

In closing and on behalf of the many municipalities, small businesses, non-profits, and low-income residents that have already experienced the value and significance of the NHSaves programs; and a myriad of others who stand to benefit from the stability and expansion of these programs, please resolve to guard and increase them in the next triennial.

Respectfully,



Ditha Alonso

Cc: NH Governor Chris Sununu

NH State Senator Suzanne Prentiss