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Public Utilities Commission,

To the members of the Public Utilities Commission,

Your decision this past December on DE 20-092 is both environmentally damaging and devastating for many New Hampshire residents. Funding for energy efficiency programs is incredibly important for a variety of reasons:

1. Energy efficiency programs give residents rebates for weatherizing their homes or purchasing energy efficient appliances, making it possible for a greater number of residents to partake in these kinds of purchases.

2. Contractors who work with NH Saves are prepared to weatherize homes and more for the sake of energy efficiency - and cutting funding means loss of jobs for many contractors.

3. Increasing energy efficiency programs overall reduces energy bills for thousands of NH residents.

4. Increasing energy efficiency decreases the state's overall energy demand, making it possible for the most expensive power plants to close.

5. Climate change is already impacting NH. One small thing we can do to reduce our carbon emissions is to decrease our energy demand. Energy efficiency can do that.

Please consider revisiting your decision on DE 20-092 for the sake of your neighbors in this state. We've seen in the past that NH Saves is an impactful and important program. Now is not the time to cut funding.

Thank you.

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