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Office of the Governor
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: NHSaves Program

Dear Governor Sununu:

We strongly oppose the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission decision to reject our State's 2021-2023 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan and slash funding for NHSaves – a program that has benefited NH residents, businesses, municipalities and our environment through incentives and rebates on energy efficiency measures.

NHSaves has aided NH homeowners - especially those with low incomes - by saving them money on home heating bills and improving the comfort of their homes. Weatherization helps revitalize communities by spurring economic growth, returning \$2.78 in benefits for every \$1.00 invested. Once installed, energy-efficiency measures continue to save money and energy year after year.

The PUC's decision is a job-killing action. NH small businesses that specialize in energy efficiency have already begun laying off employees, and this will only worsen if NHSaves funding is not restored.

This decision also adversely affects the Town of New London and the Kearsarge School District of which we are a member. One of our municipal buildings, the historic Whipple Memorial Town Hall, had been approved for an energy audit which was scheduled to be performed this past week. Similarly, the Kearsarge Middle School had been approved for an energy- and money-saving LED lighting upgrade. Unfortunately, both projects are now on an indefinite hold as a direct result of the PUC decision.

According to rankings released by the nonpartisan American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), New Hampshire's 2020 Energy Efficiency Scorecard is the lowest in the Northeast. Our high cost of energy and heavy reliance on fossil fuels imported from out-of-state are expected to restrict economic development here at home.


We urge that NHSaves funding be maintained at 2020-2021 levels while the Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan is being revised into a form acceptable to all stakeholders.

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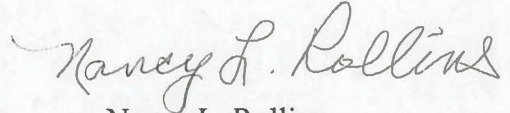
Sincerely,
New London Board of Selectmen



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cc: Jared Chicoine, Commissioner, NH Department of Energy
Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman, NH Public Utilities Commission
Jamie Hess, Chair, New London Energy Committee