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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Please Support NHSaves

**DE 23-068: Electric and Gas Utilities - 2024-2026 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan**

Dear Chairman Goldner,

As the Chair of the Tamworth Energy Committee, I am writing to share our support for the NHSaves and the work it does. We urge the NH Public Utilities Commission fully support the NHSaves Energy Efficiency Plan currently under consideration at the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (NH PUC).

Last month the Tamworth Energy Committee hosted a free home energy efficiency workshop in Tamworth and virtually online, thanks to NHSaves, which made the event possible. We made the workshop available to members in our community as well as multiple neighboring communities, and got considerable interest in the event. The recording of the workshop is now available on our town web page and continue to be a resource to local residents.

This kind of program and the other services provided by NHSaves are a crucial response to the painfully high heating bills our residents and businesses faced last year when electric and fuel heat prices went sky high. Without the sponsorship from NHSaves through the Plymouth Area renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI), we would not be able to put on this kind of program and support homeowners and businesses to invest in energy efficiency and save money in the long-run.

Your support for energy efficiency is critical. The value of energy efficiency investments to vulnerable homeowners and our struggling businesses was made painfully clear to everyone last winter. Should the NHSaves plan be rejected, as it was in 2021, we risk long-term damage to the entire energy efficiency business community in New Hampshire and the local workforce that it employs with good-paying jobs. These are our HVAC, electrical, plumbing, weatherization, and home improvement professional jobs that cannot be exported. We need more of these to keep our local economies strong - not to undermine them by disrupting them.

Thank you for your support for the critically important NHSaves program.

Sincerely,



Gabrielle Watson, Chair, Tamworth Energy Committee