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<Chris@cleanenergy.nh.org>; **Subject:** NH Saves direct benefit to tenants DE 23-068

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Dear Mr. Goldner and others,

I am in full support of the NH legislature doing everything necessary to protect and support the NH Saves program.

As a landlord, I am committed to providing economical and healthy housing for my tenants. I own an 1865 duplex in the city of Keene, NH which up until recently, had never been insulated.

Let me repeat: no one in the past 157 years ever insulated the home. Not the attic. Not the walls. Certainly not the basement.

Even though my tenants pay their own utilities, I felt it was important to invest in energy efficiency measures to save them on their utility bills, improve their living conditions, and do my part to stem climate change. It was the "right" thing to do.

However, the price tag was over \$15K to insulate and air seal both units of the duplex. That was unaffordable for me, especially without direct financial benefit as a landlord who didn't pay utilities.

Thankfully, NH Saves provided me full funding (\$6K per unit/ \$12K total) in 2023 to insulate and air seal the extremely drafty and inefficient home. All of a sudden it was within reach.

I made up the cost difference, and had the work completed this month. My tenants are very happy and plan to stay-- those are the intangible benefits of this program to me as a landlord.

NH Saves is critical for protecting and supporting renters in the state who are vulnerable to escalating utilities costs on top of skyrocketing rents.

I implore you to bring this anecdote to lawmakers. For the sake of renters who are in jeopardy of losing their housing because they can't afford the utility bills, NH Saves is just that: a lifesaver.

Please find this email attached as a document for your records.

Yours in working toward solutions that benefit all,

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Beth Campbell