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Public Utilities Commission,

Please show your supporting the proposal for NH Saves Funding when it makes it to the Public Utilities Commission hearing. Energy efficiency funding is essential for upgrading our housing and energy systems for this century of new technology. It is the bedrock on which we can accommodate more heat pumps and EVs as their use takes off and NH begins to seriously invest in the charging infrastructure to support our tourist economy into the future.

Businesses are hurting as a result of underfunded energy efficiency programs. Some completed energy improvements 2 years ago and have yet to receive their rebates because the program is underfunded, and thus they don't have that money to invest in hiring additional employees or making capital investments, including building additional multi unit housing (Durham Landlords Association, 2023). Energy efficiency is good for our economy, our businesses, and our community. Please do not allow NHSaves funding to be cut from our state's plans.

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