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Hello,

In emailing the letter I sent on October 17th (below), I accidentally referred to the wrong docket number. Is it possible for you to move it to the NHSaves docket 23-068, as that was my initial intent?

Thank you,  
Jessica Dunbar

**From:** Jessica Dunbar  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 12:59 PM  
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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chair Goldner,

I am a citizen of Bow, NH, and the chair of the Bow Energy Committee, and I am writing today to encourage the Public Utilities Commission to fully support the proposed NHSaves Efficiency Plan.

There are many ways New Hampshire could and should be doing more to promote energy efficiency and the transition to cleaner energy and a more sustainable future, but NHSaves is one of our state's successes in this area. NHSaves is an established program that has helped energy efficiency businesses grow and individuals save on energy costs while making their homes cleaner and healthier.

Despite being rescued via HB549 and SB113, the rejection of the prior efficiency plan in late 2021 dealt a significant and lasting blow from which utilities, businesses, and communities are

still recovering. We ourselves were in the midst of making energy efficiency upgrades to our home with the aid of NHSaves incentives; we lost one of the rebates we were expecting and were days away from losing another worth hundreds of dollars in savings. This hurt our budget and our confidence in NH's leadership.

At that time, I was also about to start an energy committee in my town and was greatly concerned about the loss of resources that could have been instrumental to the goals of the committee and the needs of my community. I also heard from business owners who were highly distressed by the negative impact this had on them, causing immediate stress and financial loss and leaving them struggling to plan and prepare for the months and years ahead. I hope we will look back upon that tumultuous time as a temporary slip in our progress and one from which we will learn and bounce back with greater appreciation for strong and consistent investment in the NHSaves program.

This September, the Bow Energy Committee hosted a NHSaves Button Up workshop which was received with enthusiasm and appreciation by its audience. In response to requests by Bow residents, we also recorded and posted the Button Up presentation. This past weekend, in collaboration with the Dunbarton and Weare Energy Committees, we put on the NH Energy Expo with a variety of exhibitor tables and workshops. Several of the Button Up attendees were inspired to attend the Expo to learn more about the NHSaves incentives and other energy-saving opportunities. In the feedback we've received, community members have explicitly expressed interest in and gratitude for the NHSaves information provided at both events. Clearly, the NHSaves programs are greatly valued by our communities, and we are grateful to have this resource to share with them. I hope we will be able to continue to rely on the energy efficiency program to support our local efforts.

The PUC's support for the NHSaves Energy Efficiency Plan is vital to meeting the energy needs of New Hampshire residents, keeping NH's energy efficiency progress on track, regaining confidence in a program we know works, and showing citizens and business owners that our leaders respect the role energy efficiency has had and must continue to have in improving our health, economy, and future. The benefits offered by this program can make the difference for many people struggling to reduce their energy consumption and energy bills.

I encourage your unequivocal support of this program and welcome you to contact me if I can offer further support as well.

Respectfully,  
Jessica Dunbar