

Subject: Written statement for Energy Efficiency Advisory Council

I respectfully ask for confirmation that the following will be distributed to Energy Efficiency Advisory councilors. Thank you, Alisa Pearson

We need to become leaders in energy efficiency. I see much room for improvement:

- We need to broaden and deepen the EE program.
- Deep Energy retrofits are a must, as the majority of homes are not new. Existing housing stock needs to be made snug without the use of toxic materials. As retrofits are costly, there must be 0% loans available, with terms longer than the standard 7 years and as well as state grants.
- More moderate income people (up to 120% of median income) should qualify for subsidies of all energy saving measures.
- There needs to be evaluation of measured results, that is, energy saved.
- Aggressive measures to reach renters and support improvements to rental units need to be implemented.
- Gas-fired and other fossil-fuel infrastructure must be replaced with electric which can be supported by renewable energy, which can be powered by batteries to address coverage. We need incentives for this. Vermont is doing a much better job at this.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Alisa Pearson