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To whom it may concern,

The Mass Save program must be reformed to fully support zero-carbon electrification.

Right now, Mass Save appears biased toward supporting natural gas, and fails to fully support electrification and renewable energy, which is the best and only path to alleviating climate change [1,2].

On the Mass Save website, here are two instances of this problem I recently noticed, regarding heat pumps:

- Water heater heat pumps—a good electric-powered option—are supported only for switching from electric, oil, or propane. Replacing a natural gas water heater is omitted from the list. This is terrible: natural gas water heaters are responsible for a large amount of CO2 emissions and it is a huge benefit to replace them with electric ones, such as electric-powered heat pumps.
- Geothermal heat pumps are only supported for oil or propane fuel sources. There's no support for electric powered ones.

This is according to webpages from the current Mass Save website [3,4]. I hope Mass Save can be reformed to help fight climate change, instead of subsidizing fossil fuels.

A recent Boston Globe article notes these issues [5]. I hope this comment is taken into consideration. I do not plan on presenting at a public meeting.

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[1] <https://www.vox.com/2016/9/19/12938086/electrify-everything>

[2] <https://www.rewiringamerica.org/>

[3] <https://www.masssave.com/saving/residential-rebates/electric-heat-pump-water-heaters>

[4] <https://www.masssave.com/saving/residential-rebates/electric-heating-and-cooling>

[5] <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2021/07/10/science/massachusetts-pursues-ambitious-climate-goals-it-continues-promote-fossil-fuels/>