



SELF-RELIANCE

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Dear Matt,

My name is Megan Amsler. I am the Executive Director at Self-Reliance Corporation, a non-profit energy organization serving southeastern MA.

I am here to express my ardent support for the Cape Light Compact's numerous programs that I believe greatly benefit the ratepayers of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

First, I would like to highlight the personal interface that people get with the Cape Light Compact. I strongly believe that this method of engaging people to take action far out weights an on-line interface. I have encountered many people over the years who have indicated that they got nowhere with their efforts to take action by starting on-line or that they felt by taking part in an on-line survey they were absolved of having to actually take further action.

We have a very small window to engage people to take action with their homes. It is fraught with layers of psychological and sociological variables that keep people from taking advantage of the amazing programs.

We also believe that the comprehensive energy assessment is very beneficial to understanding the issues in the building and how to remedy them. The fuel-blind approach to their work is essential and helps people immensely who are living in homes that were summer cottages or constructed in the 1800s and are now being lived in year round with a variety of heating systems and often lack any air sealing or insulation.

I strongly support the CLC's renter program, as this program addresses a huge barrier for both the tenant who is wanting to stay warm and not go broke paying the heating bills as well as the landlord who does not wish to invest in energy upgrades for which he is not going to get any immediate value.

The fact that the caps have been removed for the insulation portion of the program is an additional benefit that we truly appreciate and help inform our constituents of on a daily basis.

I commend the Cape Light Compact for their commitment to having all kWh sold through their program backed 100% by RECs.

The Cape Light Compact offers so many important programs and support mechanisms to our communities that I cannot name them all in a short period.

Thank you for offering an opportunity to publicly state Self-Reliance's support of the CLC's administration of the Mass Save programs.

Sincerely,

Megan Amsler
Executive Director