**Public Comment to the EEAC:**

**Support Mass Save –We urge a Request to the Senate to Remove Sections 67–69 from House Bill 5151**

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**Below is a summary of NEEEC's position on why these sections should be removed from the Senate version. Most important is Section 69 that takes 1 Billion from Mass Save.**

## Memo to the Senate:

**Summary of Concerns: Sections 67–69 (House Bill 5151): Delete Section 67-69**

These three sections would create confusion and have significant negative impacts on Massachusetts' efforts to reduce energy costs for consumers and advance grid and climate goals.

A summary of concerns and reasons for removal is provided below.

**SECTION 67**

This section calls for a comprehensive review of the Mass Save program by the Inspector General. This would be duplicative of the extensive oversight and review already carried out by DOER, the EEAC, and the DPU.

**SECTION 68**

This section introduces new requirements for approving services delivered to Low- and Moderate-Income customers by Mass Save and the utilities.

These additional procedures would complicate an already challenging process.

**SECTION 69**

This section includes language that would effectively remove $1 billion in funding from the Mass Save program, focusing on administrative, advertising, and marketing costs but these costs are a small portion of the Mass Save budget and would result in significant loss of the many consumer centered services.

This would have a severe negative impact on the program's ability to deliver energy savings and reduce costs for customers. It would also result in significant economic

consequences, including contractors going out of business and the loss of thousands of jobs. **The current jobs report has 86,900 energy efficiency jobs in Massachusetts and many of these would be lost with the 1 Billion dollar cut!**

Mass Save currently delivers approximately $3 in benefits for every $1 invested. Removing this level of funding could result in the loss of billions of dollars in customer benefits.

**Summary:** Mass Save is widely recognized as one of the most effective energy efficiency programs in the country, supported by a strong and well-established system of oversight and review through DOER, the EEAC, and the DPU.

The proposed changes in Sections 67–69 but primarily Section 69 would weaken program delivery, increase confusion, and negatively impact thousands of customers, businesses, and workers.

We strongly urge that these sections be removed from the Senate version of the bill.