

Dear energy efficiency advisory council:

We all know the climate change crisis is beginning to affect us and, as a citizen of Massachusetts, a voter and tax-payer, I am very concerned about it. I am heartened that the state is taking steps to head off this disaster by promoting energy efficient programs.

May I bring to your attention solar hot water systems? These systems are many times more efficient than the currently subsidized "high efficiency" water heaters that rely on electric or gas power and that is because they use solar power. Their large storage tanks are a form of energy conservation, similar to an off-grid battery.

And yet I understand the Mass. CEC rebate incentive programs for solar hot water are dwindling. I do not understand why this is happening when the goal of these programs is sustainable energy conservation. So, may I ask that the rebate programs be restored and even expanded? It is clearly the right thing to do.

Sincerely, Henry Canby M Ed. LMHC