

I'm writing to encourage Mass Save to create a rebate program for solar hot water systems. As the owner of a solar hot water system, the smaller roof area needed for panels and lower cost of installation made it an appealing option compared to a solar PV system. Even with incentives in place today, the long return on investment for solar PV can be hard to justify, but solar hot water could be in a much more appealing position with additional incentives.

Due to the solar hot water system on our house, we find that we use almost no propane to heat water during the warmer months, resulting in a significant reduction in propane use. Sunny winter days further reduce our usage of propane to produce hot water. Not only do we save money, but we get the piece of mind knowing we aren't burning as many fossil fuels as we would otherwise have to.

A rebate program for solar hot water would be a sound addition to the series of programs available to consumers in Massachusetts and encourage homeowners to invest in technologies that will attack the environmental impacts of human activity as well as slow the need for further investment in our electrical infrastructure.

Thanks,
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