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Marc Laverdiere
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Best,

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Eli Barrett
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From my personal observations, MassSAVE has benefitted middle and upperclass folks who are always looking for a financially savvy deal. The "haves" get free and reduced services and products while those trying to keep up with basic living expenses, which are a vastly larger share of their income, are left out - literally - in the cold. We need building energy efficiency standards like those for fire protection or lead paint, mandatory - at least for those getting government housing assistance. As a Letter Carrier, I've seen first hand how my well to do, highly educated patrons quickly adopted MassSave perks such as insulation and mini-split heat pumps. My patrons in rental units keep paying high energy bills, quite often subsidized by the government.

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Sarah Stewart
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It would make a lot of sense to encourage the installation of ASHPs or GSHPs instead of replacing fossil fuel furnaces the will last another 20-30 years at a time that we need to get off of fossil fuels. Moreover, homeowners could be encouraged to make the switch if there were MassSave financial incentives the could be based on the owner’s income.

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Susan Boudreau
Dear Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council,

As a citizen of a Gateway City, Fitchburg, and as a local volunteer non-profit advocate for addressing climate change in an equitable way, I strongly support these initiatives.

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Jan Klein
Dear Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council,

I am a renter and referred the MassSave Program to my landlord. Neither she (as a landlord) nor I (as a renter) could qualify for it.

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Jane Winn
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There is not a moment to lose. We must move forcefully in the direction of replacing fossil fuels with renewables RIGHT NOW if we are to have any hope for a recognizable planet in the near future. Please act now.

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Sierra Bright
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I recently got a MassSave rebate for a high efficiency gas fueled boiler. MassSave must not offer any more rebates on any fossil fueled system or appliance.

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Dear Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council,

I would also like to see how the municipal light plants in our state will be working towards the same goals, in line with the MassSave program. Currently they are woefully behind the Investor-Owned Utilities in terms of energy efficiency incentives. We will never meet our Roadmap goals if we don’t include the MLP towns in our plans.

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Mary Gard
Dear Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council,

As a Pastor in the North Quabbin area of MA, I am aware that financial inequities are a factor in choices people make to convert to environmentally sustainable energy sources and energy usage. This is a factor in our area which is a uniformly white population. I have an understanding of how poverty and race amplify the disincentives for urban populations to seek to change their energy usage. We need to increase opportunities and incentives for rural and urban poor, and especially BIPOC communities, to opt into new, renewable and sustainable energy sources if we are to dampen the destructive power of climate change.

Climate and energy equity are financial and moral issues that can't be separated.

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Marvin Ward
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All the UN reports say we’re in a crisis situation already with climate catastrophes already occurring around the world. Last week here in Massachusetts, we broke two temperature records - one for heat and one for cold! The MassSave program must not be watered down to protect the interests of lobbyists for fossil fuels, construction, and other climate change obstructionists! And strong climate justice provisions must be established. Now is the time to make the future safe for future generations!

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Anne Fisher
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I want my future children and grandchildren to be able to see the seasons change; to go outside without having to wear air-pollution masks; to walk outside in October and see a Massachusetts fall. And I want your children and grandchildren to be able to do the same. I love where I live more than I can properly say—and if keeping it healthy means we have to use more electricity than fossil fuels, I say that’s a worthy trade.

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Marjorie Smith
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Stopping the continued investment in fossil fuel infrastructure is critical to meeting the climate emergency we face and achieving the energy goals we have set forth. These legacy assets will be in place for decades, further exacerbating the climate emergency and so we need to ensure they are not subsidized in any way by these programs. Instead incentives should be directed to highly efficient heat-pump technology and customers should be encouraged and supported in transitioning to a cleaner and more efficient option rather than merely upgrading their fossil fuel based equipment.

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Eugene Brusin
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Michael Stuart
Dear Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council,

The MassSave program has helped put Massachusetts at the top of the nation in energy efficiency progress. But we must make it more equitable and ensure that it no longer subsidizes new fossil fuel appliances. The new Roadmap climate law requires the MassSave program to directly address emissions reductions in the interest of achieving net zero by 2050 and to equitably deliver energy efficiency and electrification. The draft plan fails these and other requirements. I urge you to exert all available means to ensure that a revised plan is produced that meets the following criteria:

1. The plan must be an energy justice plan, and center equitable delivery of and access to efficiency programs. Adopt the Equity Working Group’s recommendations for the program.
2. To meet our State’s mandated emissions reductions targets, this program must prioritize equity and electrification over fossil fuel reliance - stop subsidizing new fossil fuel appliances and heating systems now.
3. In order to understand if the plan meets energy justice mandates, it must require transparent reporting of the demographics of residents served by the program. This reporting should include achievable numeric goals to reach those previously underserved by the program, resources to support those goals, and accountability measures for ensuring they are met.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to climate and energy justice!

Sincerely,

Amy Henry