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Dear Secretary Golden:

I am Betsy Longendorfer, a resident of Northvale, NJ, the owner/publisher of a Substack newsletter, [ClimateFriendlyLifestyle.substack.com](https://climatefriendlylifestyle.substack.com), and a retired electrical engineer. Here are my public comments on Rockland's Triennium 2 filing.

Please excuse the lack of a docket number, as I was delayed in attending the meeting and could not find the docket number.

Energy Efficiency Programs

We were pleased to see substantial increases in rebates for Cold Climate Heat Pumps, Geothermal heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, heat pump pool heaters, and induction stoves, and some new small incentives for electric lawn equipment.

However, there are a number of devices listed in Appendix H (p. 95 of the report/p. 206 of the PDF) that do NOT further the BPU goals of energy efficiency improvement because they are insignificant, short-lived, and not purchased by consumers due to the availability of energy rebates. Examples are LED holiday lights, sound bars, monitors, computers, TVs, etc. There is no reason to give rebates on these types of devices. Rebates should be concentrated on devices that are long-lived so they continue to make a difference, and that would possibly not be purchased except for the rebate, such as clothes dryers and water heaters. Let's not waste valuable rebate

dollars on incentives unless they will make a real and long-lived difference.

LMI Customers

The aid available to LMI customers appears to be LESS than what exists today, as stated in Appendix H under Whole Home/Home Energy Assessment (p. 95 of the report). It is proposed that LMI customers might be charged a fee for an energy audit, whereas today there is no fee. In the same section though, under Income-Qualified Projects however, it appears that Low-income guidelines have not changed, but Moderate-income projects have removed the guarantee of a BPI-certified audit and also eliminated specific dollar guarantees.

Comfort Partners

There is a proposal to eliminate the Comfort Partners program and instead replace it with a program administered by each utility. We are concerned in that there may be disparities and confusion because of separate programs.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully submitted,

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