

May 31, 2024

Honorable Sherri L. Golden, Secretary  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
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**Re: Docket QO23100733  
Support for Inclusion of Single Family in New Jersey's HOMES Program**

Dear Secretary Golden:

On behalf of the 10 undersigned entities below, we write to advocate that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) allow single family homes to be eligible for the Inflation Reduction Act Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES) Program. While we support a higher HOMES funding allocation for multifamily buildings than the 10% required minimum set by the U.S. Department of Energy, we believe the BPU should provide a meaningful allocation of HOMES funding for single family homes. As a matter of principle, we believe incentive monies for affordable residential housing should always support programs for both single family and multifamily buildings, so that all income-eligible residents have an opportunity to participate. We were pleased that the BPU's draft plan includes both the modeled and measured pathways; the measured pathway will work particularly well for driving market transformation in the single family sector.

Including single family homes in the HOMES Program would provide the following benefits:

- Bolster equity, as many low- and moderate-income families live in single family homes, particularly in rural areas.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from single family buildings, which are the largest source of residential emissions in the state.
- Spur market transformation across housing sectors as well as by increasing contractor program participation.
- Stand up the program more quickly as a single family HOMES program will be easier to implement.
- Ensure broad accessibility of IRA rebates across the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the implementation of New Jersey's Home Energy Rebate Programs.

Sincerely,

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