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## **Rapid Deployment of Federal IRA HOMES Rebate IRA Section 50121**

Solicitation of Public Comments for informed considerations in developing the rollout of the HOMES Rebate is showcasing the public's disdain and dissatisfaction in CEC's slow movement in launching this much-anticipated federal benefit. The Inflation Reduction Act was signed into Law in August 2022. July 2023 the DOE announced funding allocation to state grantees. The CEC seems to be wallowing in its own bureaucracy and irresoluteness. The CEC states it wishes to incorporate aspects of the program to "braid" with an existing up and running public benefit program --active and successful. Well by all means let's get moving! The commission's chief fiduciary duty is to design controls to prevent fraud and abuse of federal taxpayer dollars. Mechanisms to verify legitimate eligibility, to positively verify end-user product purchase, and affirmatively demand contractor installation of said products at the residence of installation. This will prevent contractor or homeowner from selling rebated products (heat pump water heaters, mini-split heat pump systems, electrical panel boxes, heat pump dryers, etc.) to third parties or black market dealers. The California State Legislature created the California Energy Commission years ago. By now the Commissioners and hired staff should have a general framework of rapidly implementing carbon-neutral programs benefiting California consumers. Period of Public Comment is standard. Exacting details and nuances of federal programs must be incorporated in each new program rollout. I've stopped visiting Rewiring of America.com since it provides no real updates. I abandoned buying a brand new EV vehicle early this year 2023 (Tesla, Ford Mustang Mach-E, EV Ionique, Chevrolet Bolt) and finally out of frustration purchased a new gas-powered vehicle with an assured carbon footprint, reliability of long distance driving with plenty of refueling stations along any route in America. I did not have to worry about a damn \$7,500.00 rebate the IRS took in determining eligible vehicles. I did not have to worry if CEC's program to "go electric" with stacking state and/or local rebates would qualify. The Big 3 have announced suspensions and cessation of factory EV Production. Automobile dealers just signed a massive letter to President Biden urging repealing federal mandates of specific number of vehicles on dealer lots. The much vaunted Ford media event announcing a battery mega-factory is now a public eye-sore for government officials. Ford halted factory groundbreaking. Californians are tired of hearing PSA's urging energy savings in the peak of summer demand: delay laundry until after 9 PM, reduce electricity usage in periods of peak demands. Yet lawmakers want Californians to adopt and embrace EV's? if electricity is scarce during peak demand periods, it appears one has to recharge his or hers electric vehicle at the whim of energy transmitters. Who wants that?

Respectfully submitted,

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