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## **Question 1B - Consumer Awareness on benefits for energy efficiency**

The Home Energy Score Program created by the Department of Energy brings awareness to many consumers around the United States. Many consumers are not aware how their house uses energy as a whole. The data collected during a Home Energy Score helps homeowners understand where they are losing energy and improvements they should make to help save money and make their home more energy efficient. This could range from attic insulation, wall insulation, HVAC efficiencies, window features, water heater efficiency, condition of ductwork, etc. The Home Energy Score Tool also lists estimated annual savings a year and what upgrades have the potential to be paid back within 10 years. Depending on where a score is completed, there can be different versions of a finalized report for consumers that can also address carbon footprint, estimated energy usage from electricity (kWh), estimated energy usage from natural gas (therms), estimated savings of usage from having a PV system, etc. These are all helpful inputs as it brings consumers knowledge about saving money and making their home more energy efficient.