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## **Comment on CA HEEHRA Phase I Community Benefits Plan**

RE: Draft Community Benefits Plan of the California Energy Commission (CEC) for Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program (HEEHRA) Phase I implementation of the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) law of August 16, 2022.

I am writing to concur with a key aspect of the July 12, 2024 comment of Susannah Saundersâ€"TN# 257725â€"and her criticism of the too long delayed implementation in California of the federal legislation. I am particularly concerned that your draft does not indicate plans to finance up to the limit allowed by the federal guidelines for full heat pump systems in homes and that there is no indication of plans for point of sale rebates to the most financially needy residents. As S. Saunders stated, "superior efficiency of a heat pump is lost if a home is not properly insulated, ducts sealed, and other measures taken to enclose a building so the energy isn't wasted...― In a prior comment to the CEC I asked if full systems would receive rebate funding. I now urge the CEC to fully fund such complete energy efficient systems from the outset of the program, and to design Phase I of HEEHRA implementation to include readily available point of sale rebates for eligible homeowners and residents.