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## **In Praise of the CEC employees in charge of IRA funds**

I want to thank the CEC employees in charge of the Inflation Reduction Act funds. It has been a herculean effort to put in place the building decarbonization rebate program. I want to thank each and every person who worked hard to get it done. I personally have several neighbors and colleagues who have successfully had heat pumps installed as a result of this program. The work of this department will mean less "natural" gas in the atmosphere which makes all of us safer. I am grateful for your efforts.

I know how important building electrification is to successfully fighting climate change. It is why I have been following this program so closely and why I have made written comments, attended meetings, and asked questions during the meetings. I hope all of us commenting or reading these comments continue to urge our friends and neighbors to electrify. It is a powerful weapon in lowering the earth's temperature and thus increasing the quality of our life. Our health is better when we are not breathing toxins inside our homes. Replacing "natural" gas appliances in our homes is crucial to our well being.

None of this could happen without the hard work of very intelligent, competent, and committed employees. I appreciate them. I applaud them and look forward to the continuing success of this program.