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## **Heat pump rebates - Urgency for program to begin**

I am one of those very interested in receiving a point of sale rebate for my purchase of a new HVAC system, the primary component of which is an energy saving heat pump. It does seem likely that California can create the program in 2023 let alone begin to provide rebates as defined by the IRA. I have attached a letter from my congresswoman which offers details on why the program may not offer rebates retroactively. Disappointing.

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

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**Representative Julia Brownley responding to your message**

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Dear Mr. Ermolovich,

Thank you for contacting me to request information about the High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act (HEEHRA).

As you may know, the HEEHRA was passed and signed into law through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), and it was intended to help decrease energy bills, reduce carbon emissions, and create American jobs. The IRA authorizes states to provide rebates for Home Efficiency Rebates begun on or after enactment of the law on August 16, 2022. However, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, since states, such as California, are required to establish programs that ensure compliance with the law, it is difficult for states to offer rebates before program requirements are fully defined. While states are working to stand-up these programs for consumers, as currently written, the law does not authorize states to offer Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates retroactively. More information about the program including a FAQ is online here: <https://www.energy.gov/scep/home-energy-rebates-frequently-asked-questions>.

I share your interest in ensuring these rebates are available to consumers as soon as possible, and I have noted your interest in amending the law to allow for retroactive rebates.

While I would support such legislation, the current House Republican Majority has actually voted to pass legislation to repeal the clean energy programs authorized under the IRA. I strongly oppose repealing the programs, and I do not expect a repeal would pass the Senate or be signed into law by President Biden. However, given the House is currently controlled by the Republican Majority, it is unlikely legislation to improve the programs, such as by authorizing retroactive rebates, could advance while the House is under Republican control.

That said, I will keep in mind your interest in retroactive rebates as Congress considers future legislation in this area.

I take the views of my constituents very seriously, and I appreciate that you took the time to contact me on this important issue. I hope that you will continue to reach out to express your viewpoint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Brownley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Julia Brownley  
Member of Congress