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The Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate program will almost certainly be by far the most applied for program in the IRA legislation. Please prioritize what most Californians will be requesting. HOMES is nice, but requires too much invasive retrofitting for most homeowners to put up with for any length of time. Based on all the comments I have seen from real consumers, heat pump (HVAC) systems are top of the requested list for retrofits for what should be obvious reasons.

Since California already has robust energy efficiency programs in place, just request the federal government to allow you to use existing administrative facilities already in place, rather than creating an entirely new admin facility to manage the federally sourced funding, with its associated unnecessary extra expenditure. Hopefully there's a path to do that, since time is of the essence for many homeowners, myself included.

For compensating contractors and ensuring quality work is done, and that de-carbonization and electrification goals are achieved I would suggest simply paying contractors only a portion of the rebate at time of consumer signing a work contract, and the rest upon completion and verification of energy savings goals. It's a time honored way to make sure the contractor does the job to specification. However, please don't make the energy savings verification process onerous or overly long before full rebate payment, the contractors will either not agree to do the HEERHA projects, or they will simply add the cost of waiting to get reimbursed to the total cost of the project if the government makes them wait too long to get reimbursed or puts too many hurdles in the way of completing the projects for consumers.

Please keep in mind that for the end consumers who you want to sign up for these programs the most critical factor is ease and speed with which they can get their existing old and inefficient equipment upgraded to new and energy efficient equipment is paramount. The less bureaucratic/paperwork holdups that add waiting time for consumers, the better.