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Request for extension on Request for Information (RFI) response

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission
Re: Docket No. 23-DECARB-01
Via Electronic Commenting System

Re: Docket No. 23-DECARB-01; Request for extension on Request for Information (RFI) response

We respectfully request an extension on the Request for Information on the Inflation Reduction Act HOMES program to **February 2, 2024**. We commend the California Energy Commission for providing an opportunity to comment on the structure of the HOMES program. We share the CEC’s goal of ensuring that the Equitable Building Decarbonization funds and Inflation Reduction Act funding are well-coordinated and can effectively and efficiently reach environmental justice communities, low-income communities, and other priority groups in California.

We appreciate the need to move swiftly with implementation of the program, and we also urge the CEC to provide enough time to consult with community based organizations and other partners and provide thoughtful responses on how to best coordinate, braid, and stack programs. Given the approaching holiday season as well as the timing of other potential upcoming opportunities in January and February such as the Equitable Building Decarbonization program solicitation and HOMES/HEERA feedback sessions, we are concerned that our organizations and our partners will not have the capacity to engage meaningfully on a response to this RFI with the current deadline of January 12th. Ideally it would be

helpful to coordinate the timeline of this RFI response with other public comment opportunities to ensure that community based organizations and other stakeholders can fully participate.

We also request that the CEC can confirm whether an extension will be possible at its earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration, and we appreciate your ongoing efforts and thoughtfulness in developing these programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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