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Make rebates for upgrades completed in 2023 retroactive!

Dear CEC,

I understand that the CEC expects rebates will become available this year. I want to implore CEC to ensure that all California residents that made energy efficient upgrades in 2023 qualify retroactively for these rebates. My partner and I purchased our first home October 2022, and it came with a 11+ year old fossil-fuel burning furnace that had been incorrectly installed on its back, which was a fire and carbon monoxide hazard and deemed unsafe to use by HVAC experts. We suffered through a very cold first winter in our house without heat. I refused to put my family and (now) 8-year-old twins through that again, waking up to the house being 52 degrees. I understand that forms and processes need to be set up, however this was signed into law in August 2022, and if time is of the essence to save this planet from climate change and fossil fuels, then like-minded Californians like myself shouldn't be penalized or have to wait to get the much needed and promised financial help we need to improve our homes. We just installed a wonderful new heat pump (Dec 2023), along with new insulation and air sealing, but it came at a high price that we were unable to afford out of pocket. Thankfully I was able to secure a California supported Go Green Loan... that I will be paying off for several years. In order to get the heat pump added for our 1908 home in Oakland, we also had to upgrade all the knob & tube electrical, as well as get a new upgraded electrical panel. We just couldn't wait another year to have our children feel warm at night. Please do the right thing and ensure that you take care of all the good-minded folks who are also trying to do the right thing for the state, the country and our world "as well as our families" and make these promised rebates retroactive for 2023 installations.

Thank you for your attention and care,

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