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Please enable rebate based on reduction of energy bills

Dear Inflation Reduction Act Residential Energy Rebate Programs,

For the Home Efficiency Rebates program (HOMES), please make it easy to apply for this rebate retroactively using energy/utility bills as proof of the energy efficiency upgrades. I understand that the IRA legislation specifies that this program offer a rebate that is retroactive to the date of the passing of the bill, however, practically it will be hard for people to apply for it retroactively if utility bills can't be used to prove energy efficiency upgrades (in addition to bills that show completed work.) While energy efficiency modeling is important, there should be a way to apply for this rebate just based on usage, not modeling, because contractors who installed upgrades prior to the implementation of the rebate in California might not have modeled the energy savings, even if they will end up reducing usage by more than 35% in the real world. Thank you.