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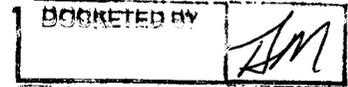
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From: BitterSmith-Web
To: Eli Chamberlain
Subject: RE: Utility Energy Efficiency Programs

Dear Eli Chamberlain,

Thank you for bringing your concerns about your Energy Efficiency to Commissioner Bitter Smith's attention. I am the executive assistant to Commissioner Susan Bitter Smith. I am responding to you at the direction of Commissioner Bitter Smith. We received the email you sent, and take your concerns very seriously.

Your email will be submitted to Docket Control at the Arizona Corporation Commission (Docket No. E-01933A-11-0055) to become a part of the official public comment record. Thank you for taking the time to contact us and expressing your concerns.

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Hello Mrs. Bitter Smith,

My name is Eli Chamberlain and I am the owner of a small business in Flagstaff. My business primarily focuses on doing energy audits on houses as well as making improvements to make houses more energy efficient such as sealing air leaks, duct leaks and adding insulation. I recently started up my own business after working for other companies for a number of years. My business has been successful thus far and I am planning on hiring a handful of employees this year.

I am writing you because I am concerned that the current energy efficiency standards for the utility companies (22% reduction by 2020) will be done away with. These energy efficiency incentive programs are vital to a budding residential energy efficiency industry in Arizona. Most EE companies in Arizona like myself are small local companies that provide good jobs that keep money in our communities. Energy efficiency programs are hugely beneficial to our state for a number of reasons including:

1. Provides jobs that are here in Arizona, often to construction trade workers who are having hard times finding jobs.
2. Reduces the utility bills for Arizonans who can then spend that money in their communities.
3. Provides jobs for utility workers and contractors who implement these programs.
4. Reduces the number of new power plants being built and lowers the cost of high peak demand power that is bought from out of state utilities.
5. Provides many environmental benefits to our state by reducing CO2 emissions, improving air quality, etc.

As a result of the suspension of the TEP energy efficiency incentive program last year, over 100 Arizonans lost jobs. This included contractors laying people off, closing their doors completely, utility workers and program contractors laying people off, as well as any ripple effect job casualties to the community.

I urge you to do what is right for Arizona and please do everything in your power to ensure that these very beneficial programs stay in place. Slashing these programs would be a huge blow to a promising, growing industry in Arizona.

Thank you for your time, and I would be more than happy to discuss this issue with you or anyone on your staff.

Sincerely,

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Eli Chamberlain

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