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Dear Arizona Corporation Commissioners,

As the president of my homeowners' association, I was extremely surprised by a recent Arizona Republic article, because for the first time I read that:

- a. there are major energy-efficiency programs in Arizona to assist communities like ours,
- b. the commission is proposing eliminating these programs, and
- c. the reasoning is "all the low-hanging fruit" had already been captured, according to one commissioner.

Well I hope I am not the first to tell you all that there's plenty of low hanging fruit in our community, and that not one person in our HOA or management company has ever been contacted about the option of these great-sounding energy audits, weatherizations, and efficiency improvements. In fact, I know quite a few folks in quite a few diverse communities who have quite a bit of low-hanging fruit that's just ripe for the picking.

You know, we're all forced to use APS for electricity, and to us it seems pretty disingenuous for APS and the ACC to promote being energy-efficient and on the public's side while at the same time eliminating such incentives and allowing the costlier "business as usual".

What I would love for you regulators to explain is: if you were to dis-incentivize this energy efficiency goal, so that the utilities continue spending more money for big powerplants to sell us all more electricity, how can that possibly save consumers any money?

In harsher words, this might ask: who, exactly, are you regulating?

It seems pretty obvious that the lowest cost of electricity for the public is to not even need it in the first place. I'm surprised that publicly elected officials who I assume also pay their own electricity bills could see it any other way.

I urge you all to keep this energy efficiency goal and the programs that support it. And I urge you to ensure such information gets out to folks around the state who really need it before there's a threat of it ever disappearing.

Respectfully,

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