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Subject: Energy standards msg

I oppose the elimination of Arizona's Energy Efficiency Standards and ask that the Arizona Corporation Commission oppose it as well. These standards are important for our state, to ratepayers, to our public health and safety, and to our economy and have made Arizona a leader in our nation when it comes to energy efficiency.

I urge you to continue supporting energy efficiency programs and policies through our Energy Efficiency Standards. As you know, the programs that have been driven by the standards help Arizona ratepayers reduce their utility bills and save money, plus keep their homes more comfortable. These efficiency programs create jobs in our communities and help our economy, overall, to be more energy independent and secure by keeping more of our energy dollars here in Arizona. Because they save energy and reduce demand for electricity, they drive down energy costs for everyone.

The Electric Energy Efficiency Standard has helped residents throughout Arizona reduce their electricity bills through installation of efficient lighting and more efficient air conditioners and by helping to repair leaky duct work, among many other things. Under the standard, Arizona's top two investor-owned utilities have increased the number of programs offered and, combined, have saved \$928 million in net economic benefits since 2008 through lower utility bills, reduced air pollution, and saved water.

I also ask that you keep the gas energy efficiency requirements in place. These have potential to contribute to even more energy savings.

Because of these significant benefits, I urge you to oppose eliminating or weakening Arizona's energy efficiency goals and to also oppose any reopening or revision of the Energy Efficiency Standards at this time. The standards have been a great success story for our state. Please keep them on track to provide benefits to us and to our communities well into the future.

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