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To whom it may concern:

My name is David Lindenlaub and I own All American Exteriors. I would like to let the appropriate personnel know how I feel about this rebate program situation. I think it is extremely unfortunate that a great program for everyone involved like this is being pushed aside by the powers that be. I was present today at the public hearing and heard some great information that was very inspiring and disturbing. This rebate program as it is has created hundreds of jobs, saved people a significant portion on their utility bills, and of course conserved a great portion of precious energy. The benefits of this program are so abundant, it is hard for me to believe that Questar and Rocky Mountain Power are determined to change it even though everyone that pays a utility bill benefits from it. It just doesn't make sense. Mr. Dent, of Questar showed that for every dollar invested, it brought back 2.4 to 3.1 dollars to each and every customer that was directly involved and indirectly involved. So it baffles me to think that if this program is changed to the utility companies satisfaction, the participation which would fall dramatically would be of much benefit to anyone.

I hope all that participated in the hearing and all persons involved would consider every aspect of this situation before jumping to conclusions that the rate amount needs to be dropped. I can sincerely understand that the program was never designed to provide 100% free insulation but if cost have dropped over time to provide this service then why would that be a problem. A very small percentage of people would be willing to participate in this economic crisis we are experiencing. When has there ever been a better time than now to provide a service such as this to help families that need it most? I am absolutely proud of the service we are providing, because I know, one house at a time we are helping families save money, and we are helping conserve energy. Unfortunately, our efforts have been vilified by the media but I am confident most consumers saw that ridiculous story for what it was.

I know there are some problems with the rebate including lack of funds, but I am sure reducing the rate drastically would only prove to destroy all of its success. I would like to see that approved contractors are looked at more scrupulously but I am confident if we weed out the bad eggs this program with the right funding can continue to provide excellent benefits to everyone involved, especially the consumer. Thanks for your time!

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