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**Comments**

This comment on your future plan is generally related to consumer energy efficiency savings.

First in respect to heat pump incentives, to further the State of Maine's wishes to install significantly more heat pumps in the next few years I suggest offering rebates to those that do not specifically use a certified installer. Today's technology allows for homeowners to install some devices themselves without errors such as mr cool branded heat pumps. I have been holding off on installing a heat pump due to the added cost of hiring someone to install something I can do myself. I would also say a lot of Mainers have similar independent feels. We allow customers to get heat pump water heaters and install them themselves and I feel we need to add this option for heat pumps as well. Obviously I'm sure the installers will not like this as they may lose some business.

I would also suggest adding central air heat pumps to the incentive list and remove the incentives for gas furnaces and boilers as it goes against the states efforts and doesn't provide as much incentive to homeowners to completely switch from oil or gas to electric heat pumps.

Additionally, I would suggest you remove the air purifier rebate as it probably just incentivized people to buy them that don't currently have one. I know that's what I did, and it actually meant I'm using more energy than before.

Finally, I would suggest you look for ways to increase low cost electric vehicle charging throughout Maine. This may include offering incentives to more businesses to offer these services at a subsidized cost to the public.