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Via electronic mail

Honorable Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary, New York Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

RE: **Case 20-M-0187** - Petition of Multiple Intervenors Seeking Immediate, Material Rate Relief for Electric and Gas Customers - Including a Pause in Surcharges and Collections for Projects and Programs Delayed as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic
Case 18-M-0084 - In the Matter of a Comprehensive Energy Efficiency Initiative
Case 15-E-0302 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard

Dear Ms. Phillips:

We are writing today as members and allies of the Building Performance Association (BPA) to oppose the Petition of Multiple Intervenors Seeking Immediate, Material Rate Relief for Electric and Gas Customers in Case 20-M-0187 (and Related Cases).

We are part of the workforce that provides the “nuts and bolts” of efficiency upgrades to homes and buildings across New York state. We are proud of the high-quality services that our colleagues and allies deliver and the skilled jobs that they create in communities across New York. We see firsthand every day that our customers value the energy efficiency programs that add new insulation in homes, upgrade lighting in schools, and install new equipment in manufacturing facilities and help residents and businesses save money on their utility bills.

We oppose the Petition of Multiple Intervenors because now is the wrong time to put a hold on energy efficiency funding and the implementation of energy efficiency programs. We believe there are better ways to work through the obstacles posed by the COVID crisis and we are ready to return to work in earnest when COVID health and safety protocols are established.

Instead of cutting programs and funding, the NY PSC should preserve energy efficiency programs because safe, properly designed and implemented energy efficiency programs are the lowest cost, most predictable and most immediate method to manage energy demand, create

local jobs, provide opportunities for energy efficiency entrepreneurs while also providing health and comfort benefits to consumers and lower utility bills to customers in the long term.

In a post-COVID New York economic environment, energy efficiency programs will help drive economic recovery by creating new jobs and aiding existing workforces, boosting economic activity in key labor-intensive business sectors, and delivering benefits for all ratepayers.

When it is safe for our industry and safe for our customers, we are ready to return to work and help achieve the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Now is not the time to grant the Petition and cut support for energy efficiency.

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