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Ms. Gail Mount
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27603-5918

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Re: Duke Energy Progress and Duke Energy Carolinas Proposed Modifications to Home Energy Programs:

- **Docket E-2, Sub 936 (Duke Energy Progress: "HEIP")**
- **Docket E-7, Sub 1032 (Duke Energy Carolinas: "HVAC EE")**

Dear Ms. Mount:

On behalf of the North Carolina Building Performance Association ("NCBPA"), I write to express support for proposed modifications to Duke Energy Progress' ("DEP") Home Energy Improvement Program ("HEIP") and Duke Energy Carolinas' ("DEC") HVAC EE program filed in the above-referenced dockets.

Our association of home and building performance contractors represents more than half of those that perform energy efficiency improvement services for homeowners and renters in North Carolina. This work includes air sealing, insulation, heating and air ("HVAC") upgrades and other services that improve home and building energy efficiency while also improving health, safety and affordability.

A large percentage of the work that many of our member companies perform is provided through leads generated in utility-funded energy audit and home energy improvement programs, such as HEIP and HVAC EE. These programs are the life blood to many contractors in our industry that secure work due in large part to the leads, rebates and incentives that they provide.

Losing access to these programs would cause devastating financial loss to our companies and significantly reduce homeowner interest in home energy improvement across the state. The proposed program changes will allow our member and industry companies to continue serving North Carolina residents with quality services that offer more than just energy savings. We support the program changes that include replacing HVAC incentives, providing quality installation incentives and creating a paid referral program to offset the program's cost to provide our companies with quality leads.

Based on the program filings and the justification provided, NCBPA believes that the proposed programs will achieve the desired goals of cost-effective energy savings. Accordingly, NCBPA supports Commission approval of the proposed changes to the HEIP and HVAC EE programs.

Sincerely,



D. Ryan Miller
Founder and Executive Director