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**THE ENERGY ASSOCIATION OF PA AND 18 PA UTILITY PROVIDERS
TELL CUSTOMERS TO, "BE ENERGY WISE!"
Weatherization Programs Available for Qualified Homeowners and Renters**

HARRISBURG, PA – AUGUST 23, 2022 The Energy Association of Pennsylvania, and 18 utility providers across the state are today launching "Be Energy Wise!" to highlight energy-saving programs available to eligible homeowners and renters. The programs offer free, personalized energy audits by trained educators, as well as weatherization, key appliance assistance and other measures.

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) reported that the state's utility companies spent approximately \$41 million on weatherization programs in 2020 and projected that those figures would double in 2021.

"It is the EAP's goal to help our members fully utilize available funding by getting the word out to consumers about weatherization and other programs," said Terrence Fitzpatrick, President & CEO for the Energy Association of Pennsylvania. "Improving home energy use is a win for everyone. When conserving energy, Pennsylvania customers and ratepayers are both saving money and reducing greenhouse gas emissions."

PUC reporting for 2018 estimated that weatherization helped customers realize average annual utility bill savings between \$84-\$304, depending on their heating and hot water methods, and annual customer energy savings between 5.6%-16.6%.

Weatherization provides additional benefits in both summer and winter, stabilizing indoor humidity to make living spaces more comfortable. Programs have also been shown to improve sleep and reduce asthma symptoms, according to the National Organization for State Community Services Programs. Other benefits include increased property value and reduced incidences of fire. Funds saved on energy costs can be used for household needs and living expenses, such as food, healthcare and medicine.

Weatherization can include attic or wall insulation, air sealing, caulking and weather-stripping, based on individual customer need, and beginning with a home energy assessment.

"We educate customers about simple things they can do themselves, such as regularly changing furnace filters, and we show them how to do that," explained Tony Saccamango, a Certified Energy Auditor for NiSource. "We also advise them on appropriate thermostat and hot water settings, and we check the home for safety, leaks and needed repairs."

Key appliance assistance can include repair, replacement or rebates on heating and hot water systems, air conditioning or even refrigerators.

Consumers can find more information about “Be Energy Wise!” at www.weatherizemyhome.org or by contacting their utility providers to learn about available programs and eligibility.

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About EAP

The Energy Association of Pennsylvania (EAP) is a trade association that represents and promotes the interests of regulated electric and natural gas distribution companies operating in Pennsylvania. Collectively, EAP’s members deliver energy to more than 8.7 million residential, commercial and industrial customers.