



Briefing Notice

How Do Communities Ensure Federal Energy Programs Help Those Most in Need?

Monday, September 16, 2019

12:00 – 1:30 PM

Lunch will be served

Room HVC-201AB, Capitol Visitors Center (House-side)

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The **Energy Efficiency for All (EEFA)** coalition and the **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invite you to a briefing with EEFA partners in Ohio, Virginia, New York and California. These state leaders will discuss how they are building successful campaigns to deliver energy/cost savings and healthy home environments for low-and-moderate-income (LMI) households. Speakers will discuss how their state coalitions are using and leveraging federal energy services, such as the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Low-Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), to ensure that all LMI residents have access to housing that is healthy, safe, energy efficient and affordable. Speakers for this briefing include:

- **Madiana Mustapha**, Independent Consultant - Energy Efficiency for All, Energy Foundation (Moderator)
- **Dave Rinebolt**, Executive Director & Counsel, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy
- **Mark Jackson**, Vice President of Energy Solutions, Community Housing Partners, Virginia
- **Valerie Strauss**, Director, Policy & Regulatory Affairs, Association for Energy Affordability, Inc.
- **Anne McKibbin**, Policy Director, Elevate Energy, Illinois

As national policymakers debate important issues like public health, affordable housing, and sustainable energy, EEFA's state coalitions are delivering on these objectives in communities across the country, thanks in large part to federal programs and state/local partners. In New York, WAP helps low-income households—particularly the elderly, people with disabilities, and children—to reduce their energy use and costs by improving the energy efficiency of their homes and ensuring their health and safety. By making their homes more energy efficient, these dollars help to lower household energy bills for many years to come, not just with a one-time infusion of cash. In California, the Low-Income Weatherization Program – Large Multi-Family (CA) provides energy efficiency retrofit/weatherization services to large multifamily dwellings in disadvantaged communities, to deliver significant and aggressive greenhouse gas reductions. In Ohio, DOE weatherization providers are focusing on insulation and heat pumps for all-electric homes and multifamily buildings (an important strategy for “decarbonizing” the building sector), while expanding ‘healthy homes’ services. In Virginia, affordable housing advocates are working to ensure that energy efficiency becomes a standard part of every multifamily renovation or new construction and that LMI renters and property owners have access to affordable funding/financing for robust energy efficiency upgrades.

Energy Efficiency for All is a coalition of national, state, and local environmental, consumer, and housing organizations that connects climate, health, and equity goals by bringing energy efficiency to affordable housing. The Natural Resources Defense Council, the National Housing Trust, Elevate Energy, and the Energy Foundation founded EEFA.

This event is free and open to the public.

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