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Back in 1967 my parents added a addition to the family home. As I got older I always remember my mom complaining about how cold their bedroom was no matter how high she turned up the thermostat. Then as I got older sometime in the early 70's I thought I would try and see why the back of the house was always so cold.

I went to the garage where the furnace was and it was very warm there as was the connecting unconditioned basement. I noticed the ducts were very hot to the touch. As I followed the duct and the air flowed into each room on its way to my parents room the duct became cooler and cooler as the heat was dissipated through the duct. I got the bright idea to get something to wrap the ducts to see if that would allow the heat to make it to my parents room. As you can imagine there was not much in the way of insulation available in the early 70's, but my grandfather (who had been a engineer at Johns Manville) helped me get some fiberglass of course only 1" thick. I then doubled the fiberglass up on the duct with the help of Grand dad and this helped get the heat all the way to my parents room and they were much more comfortable.

Now we move years ahead and I went to work for Owens Corning in the late 70's I realized that all I did was get the heat from the furnace to the back of the house as insulation until much later was just a option in new construction. My parents room had no wall, ceiling, or floor insulation.

Back then no one worried about saving natural resources as energy was cheap and my parents just ran the furnace harder to heat the room had they known to insulate think of all the energy they could have saved and they would have been much more comfortable and how much less damage to the environment.

Now because energy cost are lowering will are set to repeat the mistakes of the past and not insulate the homes that were built before insulation was required. As you plan to take away the incentives that allow homeowners to improve the quality of their homes.

We need these incentives to protect our energy future, why have 100 years of natural gas and not try to make it last 200 or even 500 years? Had my parents known that insulating would have saved energy for the future generations and had incentives to insulate, they would have jumped at the opportunity.

Today I work for a Insulation Distributor as my curiosity as a child drove me in this direction, I supply many of these Trade Ally's working with the Energy Trust and eliminating most of these incentives will cause these existing home programs to collapse. Which is just a waste of energy.

These energy efficiency programs are cheaper to the utilities than purchasing energy to serve their customers. Ending these incentives will increase the utilities costs and their rates, to the degree that a homeowner wants to spend their money to make their home energy efficient and reduce the damage to the environment should be applauded.

As a consumer, rate payer, and voter, I strongly suggest that you continue these very important incentives try to increase them not decrease them in the future.

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