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I support the recommendation to implement the proposed Residential Energy Retrofit Pilot Program because it is a good idea.

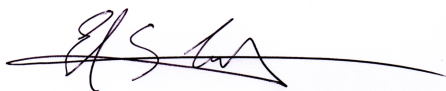
As a Registered Home Inspector, I have been in numerous houses containing outdated and energy inefficient systems, such as furnaces, windows and attic insulation. The cost of system upgrades is often financially prohibitive for homeowners, and the inability to implement them often results in reduced property value, building performance, high energy costs, and ultimately a reduced quality of life.

Recently, a similar program to the one proposed, the Federal EcoEnergy retrofit program, provided grants to help relieve the financial burden of these system upgrades. The program enabled thousands of homeowners to increase the energy efficiency, and value of their homes. I was involved with the program on two levels. As a Certified Energy Advisor, I assessed homes, made recommendations, verified system upgrades, and saw that homeowners received the grants they were entitled to. As a homeowner I took advantage of the program myself and experienced savings first-hand. Unfortunately, the EcoEnergy program was cancelled on March 31, 2012.

I networked with suppliers while the EcoEnergy program was still running. Six months or so after the cancellation, I ran into a window installer who told me that since the cancellation, he estimated that his business was down by 40%. It goes to reason that the proposed Residential Energy Retrofit Pilot Program will result in the creation of jobs in addition to the 300 new ones anticipated.

At no cost to the city, why would we not take this opportunity to improve the quality of life to Torontonians, while simultaneously creating jobs and reducing the demand on Toronto's energy infrastructure?

Sincerely,



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