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Dear Stakeholder.

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you of the status of the Maryland Energy Administration Clean Burning Wood and Pellet Stove Rebate Program, which has been in operation for the past nine years. After careful consideration and evaluation, we have concluded that fiscal year 2024 will be the last year of the Clean Burning Wood and Pellet Stove Rebate Program.

This decision was made after a thorough review of the Clean Burning Wood and Pellet Stove Rebate Program's activities, the decreasing number of wood and pellet stove applications being received each year, limitations in available funding and the evolving energy and environmental landscape in Maryland.

To receive a rebate during fiscal year 2024, all eligible stoves must be purchased by <u>December 1, 2023</u> and all systems installed and applications postmarked by <u>March 31, 2024</u>, and comply with all requirements of the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), which is available at

https://energy.maryland.gov/residential/Pages/incentives/woodstoves.aspx. Stoves purchased after January 4, 2024 or installed after March 31, 2024 will be ineligible. MEA will not issue a rebate once the FY24 Program Budget has been exhausted, and applications will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our stakeholders, elected officials, and partners who have supported this program over the years. While we will be sunsetting the Clean Burning Wood and Pellet Stove Program, our agency remains committed to our broader mission of promoting clean, affordable, reliable energy and energy-related greenhouse gas emission reductions to benefit Marylanders in a just and equitable manner. We will continue to explore new opportunities and initiatives that align with our goals to advance impactful energy policies and programs to help achieve Maryland's clean energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or would like further information regarding the conclusion of the Clean Burning Wood and Pellet Stove Program. We value your ongoing support and look forward to continuing our partnership.

Thank you for understanding and continued collaboration.

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