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Representative Smola Announces Additional Opportunities for Residents to Reduce Energy Waste and Manage Energy Costs

BOSTON – **State Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)** is pleased to announce that the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has invested \$5.1 million to expand energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities for Massachusetts residents. The funding for these programs has been allocated by the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) through Alternative Compliance Payments and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auction proceeds. The new resources will be available later this year, and will expand upon existing programs that the Commonwealth offers, such as those provided through Mass Save® and ongoing programs through the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC).

"With electric rates set to rise this winter, it is very important that residents know about the resources and programs available to them," said Representative Smola. "Massachusetts offers a variety of programs designed to help residents and businesses increase their energy efficiency and thus, reduce their energy costs."

For the most up to date information from the Department of Energy Resources, including information on energy efficiency programs and rebates, do-it-yourself options, and assistance with utility bills and fuel assistance, please visit: <u>www.mass.gov/EEA/WinterEnergyResources</u> or contact Representative Smola at 617-722-2240.

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