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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Attention: Secretary James J. McNulty
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**Reference: Comments on Training Certifications for Weatherization Installations and Audits;
Docket No. M-2010-2152691**

Dear PUC Secretary James McNulty:

Pennsylvania College of Technology would like to express its full support for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's proposed order to establish statewide training standards for all residential weatherization installers and auditors employed by electric and natural gas distribution companies and their contractors.

Currently, Pennsylvania's Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) implements the only existing certification program for installers or crew chiefs. The WTC at Penn College strongly recommends that the level of training and certification established by L&I should be considered the minimum certification for each job category, i.e., Installer, Crew Chief, and Auditor, in the arena of residential weatherization.

The existing weatherization training and certification program ensures that workers are properly trained to perform the work, safeguards homeowners from contractors of questionable intent and ability, and gives the homeowner confidence that the work being performed is to industry standards.

We applaud PUC's leadership efforts to build a high quality workforce that can respond appropriately to the state's residential energy efficiency needs.

Respectfully submitted,

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