

Massachusetts' Most Powerful Energy Affordability Tool: Energy Efficiency

Proposed Cuts Would Cost Families Billions

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Mass Save Delivers: Here Are the Numbers to Prove It

As lawmakers debate energy affordability legislation, proposed cuts to Mass Save would undermine the very goal they're trying to achieve. The \$1B in proposed cuts to Mass Save, on top of the \$500M in cuts already made to the 2025-2027 Mass Save Plan in early 2025, would result in a devastating loss in savings for ratepayers. The evidence is clear: energy efficiency is the most cost-effective energy resource Massachusetts has. The Mass Save program has delivered billions in energy savings to ratepayers, keeps electricity prices lower for everyone, and remains a proven grid reliability tool. Cuts to Mass Save don't lower energy bills but rather raise them. Cutting efficiency investments increases bills, eliminates jobs, and leaves money on the table.

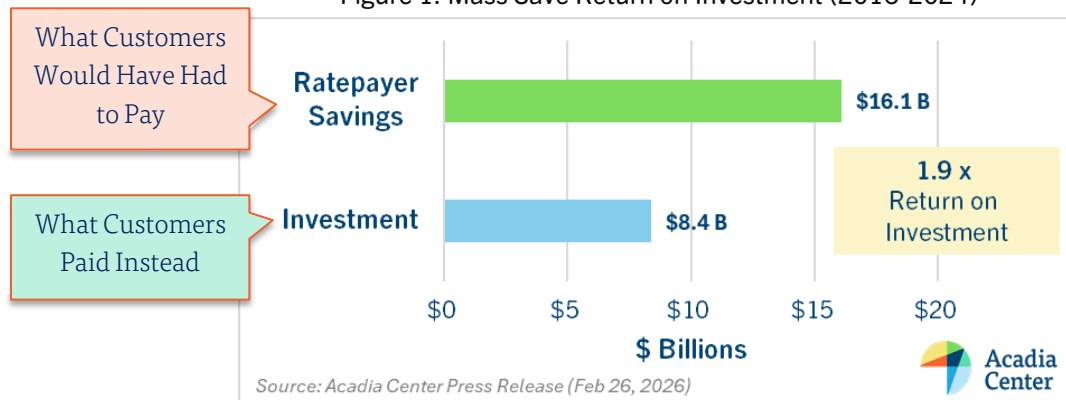
\$27.7B total benefits delivered (2016–2024)	\$16.1B avoided ratepayer costs in electric and gas supply & infrastructure from an \$8.4B investment (2016–2024)	\$4.5B in future ratepayer benefits lost if cuts go forward
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The Cost of Cutting, and What Mass Save Has Delivered

Unfortunately, these cuts to the program would undermine the stated goal of the legislation, which is to deliver upon energy affordability. An analysis by the consultants to the EEAC cited in this [Acadia Center Press Release](#) quantifies the full value of benefits delivered to ratepayers by Mass Save across every fuel and benefit category, totaling \$27.7 Billion in benefits delivered as a result of program investments from 2016-2024.

Mass Save investments made between 2016 and 2024 meant that ratepayers avoided paying around \$16.1 billion in electric, gas, and delivered fuels, across supply and infrastructure costs. Just in terms of keeping the lights on at a lower price (resource benefits), Mass Save accounted for \$1.8 billion in savings in 2024 alone. Energy efficiency delivers affordability because when other resources like gas and oil are getting more expensive, energy efficiency keeps demand and costs low. Mass Save is one of the few tools purely in the control of the Commonwealth that can deliver on energy affordability. The decision is not a trade-off between affordability and efficiency. Mass Save is not the problem - it's the solution. Let's protect it.

Figure 1. Mass Save Return on Investment (2016-2024)



Mass Save Protects Ratepayers from Grid and Fuel Price Spikes

When electricity demand is high (e.g., in extreme weather events), electricity prices spike. And in the background, Mass Save quietly reduces the overall demand and insulates every customer from price spikes.

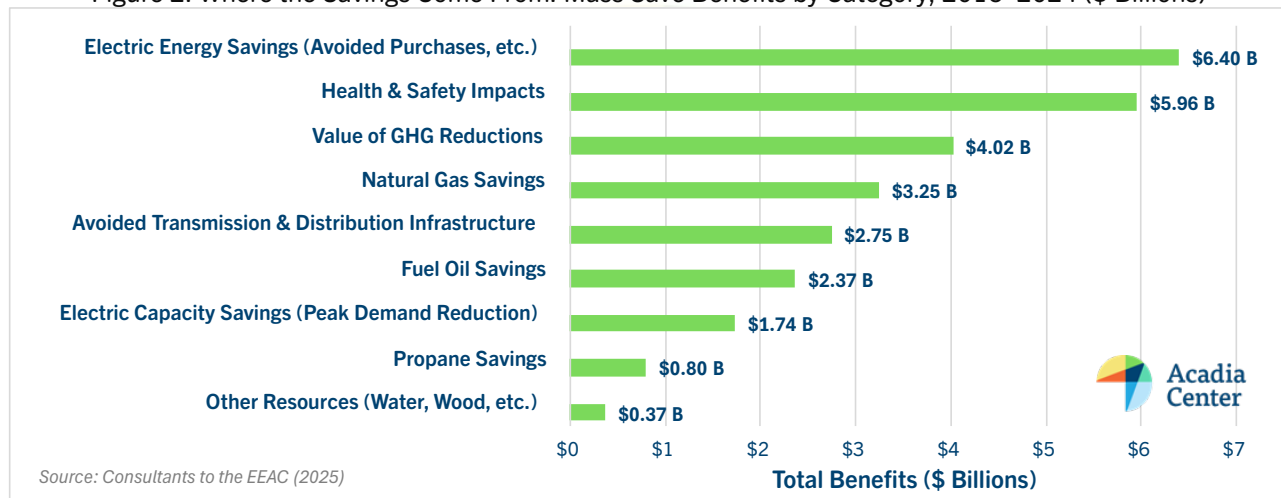
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Grid Peak Demand at 7pm 26,267 MW	Mass Save Demand Cut (passively removed) 2,291 MW	Savings in a single hour at \$1,073/MWh ~\$2.5 Million
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Additional Benefits

In addition to the energy benefits delivered by Mass Save, the programs also deliver a number of benefits in addition to those directly tied to energy savings.

Figure 2. Where the Savings Come From: Mass Save Benefits by Category, 2016–2024 (\$ Billions)



And there are more benefits worth noting from [Acadia Center's analysis](#):

- **Jobs:** Over 160,000 EE industry jobs sustained across Massachusetts and the broader Northeast.
- **Emissions:** Northeast EE programs have reduced lifetime CO₂ equivalent to removing nearly 33 million cars from the road for a year
- **Regional return on investment:** Northeast programs collectively return \$3.40 for every \$1.00 invested. Massachusetts has historically led that pack

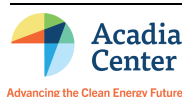
The Ask: What Lawmakers Must Do

1. Reject the proposed shortsighted cuts to Mass Save
2. Ensure adequate, stable funding that allows Mass Save to operate through and beyond the current three-year planning cycle
3. Pursue sound administrative reforms that strengthen program delivery and improve equity outcomes, without undermining the program's funding base

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