

AMENDMENT TO
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In subtitle B of title III of division G, strike subchapter A of chapter 1 and insert the following:

1 **Subchapter A—HOPE for HOMES**

2 **SEC. 33201. DEFINITIONS.**

3 In this subchapter:

4 (1) **CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION.**—The term
5 “contractor certification” means an industry recog-
6 nized certification that may be obtained by a resi-
7 dential contractor to advance the expertise and edu-
8 cation of the contractor in energy efficiency retrofits
9 of residential buildings, including—

10 (A) a certification provided by—

11 (i) the Building Performance Insti-
12 tute;

13 (ii) the Air Conditioning Contractors
14 of America;

15 (iii) the National Comfort Institute;

16 (iv) the North American Technician
17 Excellence;

18 (v) RESNET;

1 (vi) the United States Green Building
2 Council; or

3 (vii) Home Innovation Research Labs;
4 and

5 (B) any other certification the Secretary
6 determines appropriate for purposes of the
7 Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Pro-
8 gram.

9 (2) CONTRACTOR COMPANY.—The term “con-
10 tractor company” means a company—

11 (A) the business of which is to provide
12 services to residential building owners with re-
13 spect to HVAC systems, insulation, air sealing,
14 or other services that are approved by the Sec-
15 retary;

16 (B) that holds the licenses and insurance
17 required by the State in which the company
18 provides services; and

19 (C) that provides services for which a par-
20 tial system rebate, measured performance re-
21 bate, or modeled performance rebate may be
22 provided pursuant to the Home Energy Savings
23 Retrofit Rebate Program.

24 (3) ENERGY AUDIT.—The term “energy audit”
25 means an inspection, survey, and analysis of the en-

1 energy use of a building, including the building enve-
2 lope and HVAC system.

3 (4) HOME.—The term “home” means a resi-
4 dential dwelling unit in a building with no more than
5 4 dwelling units that—

6 (A) is located in the United States;

7 (B) was constructed before the date of en-
8 actment of this Act; and

9 (C) is occupied at least 6 months out of
10 the year.

11 (5) HOME ENERGY SAVINGS RETROFIT REBATE
12 PROGRAM.—The term “Home Energy Savings Ret-
13 rofit Rebate Program” means the Home Energy
14 Savings Retrofit Rebate Program established under
15 section 33203.

16 (6) HOMEOWNER.—The term “homeowner”
17 means the owner of an owner-occupied home or a
18 tenant-occupied home.

19 (7) HOME VALUATION CERTIFICATION.—The
20 term “home valuation certification” means the fol-
21 lowing home assessments:

22 (A) Home Energy Score.

23 (B) PEARL Certification.

24 (C) National Green Building Standard.

25 (D) LEED.

1 (E) Any other assessment the Secretary
2 determines to be appropriate.

3 (8) HOPE QUALIFICATION.—The term “HOPE
4 Qualification” means the qualification described in
5 section 33202B.

6 (9) HOPE TRAINING CREDIT.—The term
7 “HOPE training credit” means a HOPE training
8 task credit or a HOPE training supplemental credit.

9 (10) HOPE TRAINING TASK CREDIT.—The
10 term “HOPE training task credit” means a credit
11 described in section 33202A(a).

12 (11) HOPE TRAINING SUPPLEMENTAL CRED-
13 IT.—The term “HOPE training supplemental cred-
14 it” means a credit described in section 33202A(b).

15 (12) HVAC SYSTEM.—The term “HVAC sys-
16 tem” means a system—

17 (A) consisting of a heating component, a
18 ventilation component, and an air-conditioning
19 component; and

20 (B) which components may include central
21 air conditioning, a heat pump, a furnace, a boil-
22 er, a rooftop unit, and a window unit.

23 (13) MEASURED PERFORMANCE REBATE.—The
24 term “measured performance rebate” means a re-

1 bate provided in accordance with section 33203B
2 and described in subsection (e) of that section.

3 (14) MODELED PERFORMANCE REBATE.—The
4 term “modeled performance rebate” means a rebate
5 provided in accordance with section 33203B and de-
6 scribed in subsection (d) of that section.

7 (15) MODERATE INCOME.—The term “mod-
8 erate income” means, with respect to a household, a
9 household with an annual income that is less than
10 80 percent of the area median income, as deter-
11 mined annually by the Department of Housing and
12 Urban Development.

13 (16) PARTIAL SYSTEM REBATE.—The term
14 “partial system rebate” means a rebate provided in
15 accordance with section 33203A.

16 (17) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
17 means the Secretary of Energy.

18 (18) STATE.—The term “State” includes—

19 (A) a State;

20 (B) the District of Columbia;

21 (C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

22 (D) Guam;

23 (E) American Samoa;

24 (F) the Commonwealth of the Northern
25 Mariana Islands;

1 (G) the United States Virgin Islands; and
2 (H) any other territory or possession of the
3 United States.

4 (19) STATE ENERGY OFFICE.—The term “State
5 energy office” means the office or agency of a State
6 responsible for developing the State energy conserva-
7 tion plan for the State under section 362 of the En-
8 ergy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6322).

9 **PART 1—HOPE TRAINING**

10 **SEC. 33202. NOTICE FOR HOPE QUALIFICATION TRAINING**
11 **AND GRANTS.**

12 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Secretary, acting through the Director of
14 the Building Technologies Office of the Department of
15 Energy, shall issue a notice that includes—

16 (1) criteria established under section 33202A
17 for approval by the Secretary of courses for which
18 credits may be issued for purposes of a HOPE Qual-
19 ification;

20 (2) a list of courses that meet such criteria and
21 are so approved; and

22 (3) information on how individuals and entities
23 may apply for grants under this part.

24 **SEC. 33202A. COURSE CRITERIA.**

25 (a) HOPE TRAINING TASK CREDIT.—

1 (1) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall establish
2 criteria for approval of a course for which a credit,
3 to be known as a HOPE training task credit, may
4 be issued, including that such course—

5 (A) is equivalent to at least 30 hours in
6 total course time;

7 (B) is accredited by the Interstate Renew-
8 able Energy Council or is determined to be
9 equivalent by the Secretary;

10 (C) is, with respect to a particular job,
11 aligned with the relevant National Renewable
12 Energy Laboratory Job Task Analysis, or other
13 credentialing program foundation that helps
14 identify the necessary core knowledge areas,
15 critical work functions, or skills, as approved by
16 the Secretary;

17 (D) has established learning objectives;
18 and

19 (E) includes, as the Secretary determines
20 appropriate, an appropriate assessment of such
21 learning objectives that may include a final
22 exam, to be proctored on-site or through remote
23 proctoring, or an in-person field exam.

1 (2) INCLUDED COURSES.—The Secretary shall
2 approve one or more courses that meet the criteria
3 described in paragraph (1) for training related to—

4 (A) contractor certification;

5 (B) energy auditing or assessment;

6 (C) home energy systems (including HVAC
7 systems);

8 (D) insulation installation and air leakage
9 control;

10 (E) health and safety regarding the instal-
11 lation of energy efficiency measures or health
12 and safety impacts associated with energy effi-
13 ciency retrofits; and

14 (F) indoor air quality.

15 (b) HOPE TRAINING SUPPLEMENTAL CREDIT CRI-
16 TERIA.—The Secretary shall establish criteria for approval
17 of a course for which a credit, to be known as a HOPE
18 training supplemental credit, may be issued, including
19 that such course provides—

20 (1) training related to—

21 (A) small business success, including man-
22 agement, home energy efficiency software, or
23 general accounting principles;

24 (B) the issuance of a home valuation cer-
25 tification;

1 (C) the use of wifi-enabled technology in
2 an energy efficiency upgrade; or

3 (D) understanding and being able to par-
4 ticipate in the Home Energy Savings Retrofit
5 Rebate Program; and

6 (2) as the Secretary determines appropriate, an
7 appropriate assessment of such training that may in-
8 clude a final exam, to be proctored on-site or
9 through remote proctoring, or an in-person field
10 exam.

11 (c) EXISTING APPROVED COURSES.—The Secretary
12 may approve a course that meets the applicable criteria
13 established under this section that is approved by the ap-
14 plicable State energy office or relevant State agency with
15 oversight authority for residential energy efficiency pro-
16 grams.

17 (d) IN-PERSON AND ONLINE TRAINING.—An online
18 course approved pursuant to this section may be con-
19 ducted in-person, but may not be offered exclusively in-
20 person.

21 **SEC. 33202B. HOPE QUALIFICATION.**

22 (a) ISSUANCE OF CREDITS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, or an entity
24 authorized by the Secretary pursuant to paragraph

25 (2), may issue—

1 (A) a HOPE training task credit to any
2 individual that completes a course that meets
3 applicable criteria under section 33202A; and

4 (B) a HOPE training supplemental credit
5 to any individual that completes a course that
6 meets the applicable criteria under section
7 33202A.

8 (2) OTHER ENTITIES.—The Secretary may au-
9 thorize a State energy office implementing an au-
10 thORIZED program under subsection (b)(2), an organi-
11 zation described in section 33202C(b), and any other
12 entity the Secretary determines appropriate, to issue
13 HOPE training credits in accordance with para-
14 graph (1).

15 (b) HOPE QUALIFICATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may certify
17 that an individual has achieved a qualification, to be
18 known as a HOPE Qualification, that indicates that
19 the individual has received at least 3 HOPE training
20 credits, of which at least 2 shall be HOPE training
21 task credits.

22 (2) STATE PROGRAMS.—The Secretary may au-
23 thorize a State energy office to implement a pro-
24 gram to provide HOPE Qualifications in accordance
25 with this part.

1 **SEC. 33202C. GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, to the extent
3 amounts are made available in appropriations Acts for
4 such purposes, provide grants to support the training of
5 individuals toward the completion of a HOPE Qualifica-
6 tion.

7 (b) PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide a
9 grant of up to \$20,000 under this section to an or-
10 ganization to provide training online, including es-
11 tablishing, modifying, or maintaining the online sys-
12 tems, staff time, and software and online program
13 management, through a course that meets the appli-
14 cable criteria established under section 33202A.

15 (2) CRITERIA.—In order to receive a grant
16 under this subsection, an organization shall be—

17 (A) a nonprofit organization;

18 (B) an educational institution; or

19 (C) an organization that has experience
20 providing training to contractors that work with
21 the weatherization assistance program imple-
22 mented under part A of title IV of the Energy
23 Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C.
24 6861 et seq.) or equivalent experience, as deter-
25 mined by the Secretary.

1 (3) **ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS.**—In addition
2 to any grant provided under paragraph (1), the Sec-
3 retary may provide an organization up to \$5,000 for
4 each additional course for which a HOPE training
5 credit may be issued that is offered by the organiza-
6 tion.

7 (c) **CONTRACTOR COMPANY.**—The Secretary may
8 provide a grant under this section of \$1,000 per employee
9 to a contractor company, up to a maximum of \$10,000,
10 to reimburse the contractor company for training costs for
11 employees, and any home technology support needed for
12 an employee to receive training pursuant to this section.
13 Grant funds provided under this subsection may be used
14 to support wages of employees during training.

15 (d) **TRAINEES.**—The Secretary may provide a grant
16 of up to \$1,000 under this section to an individual who
17 receives a HOPE Qualification.

18 (e) **STATE ENERGY OFFICE.**—The Secretary may
19 provide a grant under this section to a State energy office
20 of up to \$25,000 to implement an authorized program
21 under section 33202B(b).

22 **SEC. 33202D. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
24 this part \$500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2021
25 through 2025, to remain available until expended.

1 **PART 2—HOME ENERGY SAVINGS RETROFIT**

2 **REBATE PROGRAM**

3 **SEC. 33203. ESTABLISHMENT OF HOME ENERGY SAVINGS**

4 **RETROFIT REBATE PROGRAM.**

5 The Secretary shall establish a program, to be known
6 as the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program,
7 to—

8 (1) provide rebates in accordance with section
9 33203A; and

10 (2) provide grants to States to carry out pro-
11 grams to provide rebates in accordance with section
12 33203B.

13 **SEC. 33203A. PARTIAL SYSTEM REBATES.**

14 (a) AMOUNT OF REBATE.—In carrying out the Home
15 Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program, and subject to
16 the availability of appropriations for such purpose, the
17 Secretary shall provide a homeowner a rebate, to be known
18 as a partial system rebate, of, except as provided in section
19 33203C, up to—

20 (1) \$800 for the purchase and installation of
21 insulation and air sealing within a home of the
22 homeowner; and

23 (2) \$1,500 for the purchase and installation of
24 insulation and air sealing within a home of the
25 homeowner and replacement of an HVAC system,
26 the heating component of an HVAC system, or the

1 cooling component of an HVAC system, of such
2 home.

3 (b) SPECIFICATIONS.—

4 (1) COST.—The amount of a partial system re-
5 bate provided under this section shall, except as pro-
6 vided in section 33203C, not exceed 30 percent of
7 cost of the purchase and installation of insulation
8 and air sealing under subsection (a)(1), or the pur-
9 chase and installation of insulation and air sealing
10 and replacement of an HVAC system, the heating
11 component of an HVAC system, or the cooling com-
12 ponent of an HVAC system, under subsection (a)(2).
13 Labor may be included in such cost but may not ex-
14 ceed—

15 (A) in the case of a rebate under sub-
16 section (a)(1), 50 percent of such cost; and

17 (B) in the case of a rebate under sub-
18 section (a)(2), 25 percent of such cost.

19 (2) REPLACEMENT OF AN HVAC SYSTEM, THE
20 HEATING COMPONENT OF AN HVAC SYSTEM, OR THE
21 COOLING COMPONENT OF AN HVAC SYSTEM.—In
22 order to qualify for a partial system rebate described
23 in subsection (a)(2)—

24 (A) any HVAC system, heating component
25 of an HVAC system, or cooling component of

1 an HVAC system installed shall be Energy Star
2 Most Efficient certified;

3 (B) installation of such an HVAC system,
4 the heating component of an HVAC system, or
5 the cooling component of an HVAC system,
6 shall be completed in accordance with standards
7 specified by the Secretary that are at least as
8 stringent as the applicable guidelines of the Air
9 Conditioning Contractors of America that are in
10 effect on the date of enactment of this Act;

11 (C) if ducts are present, replacement of an
12 HVAC system, the heating component of an
13 HVAC system, or the cooling component of an
14 HVAC system shall include duct sealing; and

15 (D) the installation of insulation and air
16 sealing shall occur within 6 months of the re-
17 placement of the HVAC system, the heating
18 component of an HVAC system, or the cooling
19 component of an HVAC system.

20 (e) ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR CONTRACTORS.—
21 In carrying out the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate
22 Program, the Secretary may provide a \$250 payment to
23 a contractor per home for which—

24 (1) a partial system rebate is provided under
25 this section for the installation of insulation and air

1 sealing, or installation of insulation and air sealing
2 and replacement of an HVAC system, the heating
3 component of an HVAC system, or the cooling com-
4 ponent of an HVAC system, by the contractor;

5 (2) the applicable homeowner has signed and
6 submitted to the Secretary a release form made
7 available pursuant to section 33203E(b) authorizing
8 the contractor access to information in the utility
9 bills of the homeowner; and

10 (3) the contractor inputs, into the Department
11 of Energy's Building Performance Database—

12 (A) the energy usage for the home for the
13 12 months preceding, and the 24 months fol-
14 lowing, the installation of insulation and air
15 sealing or installation of insulation and air seal-
16 ing and replacement of an HVAC system, the
17 heating component of an HVAC system, or the
18 cooling component of an HVAC system;

19 (B) a description of such installation or in-
20 stallation and replacement; and

21 (C) the total cost to the homeowner for
22 such installation or installation and replace-
23 ment.

24 (d) PROCESS.—

1 (1) FORMS; REBATE PROCESSING SYSTEM.—
2 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the
4 Secretary of the Treasury, shall—

5 (A) develop and make available rebate
6 forms required to receive a partial system re-
7 bate under this section;

8 (B) establish a Federal rebate processing
9 system which shall serve as a database and in-
10 formation technology system that will allow
11 homeowners to submit required rebate forms;
12 and

13 (C) establish a website that provides infor-
14 mation on partial system rebates provided
15 under this section, including how to determine
16 whether particular measures qualify for a re-
17 bate under this section and how to receive such
18 a rebate.

19 (2) SUBMISSION OF FORMS.—In order to re-
20 ceive a partial system rebate under this section, a
21 homeowner shall submit the required rebate forms,
22 and any other information the Secretary determines
23 appropriate, to the Federal rebate processing system
24 established pursuant to paragraph (1).

25 (e) FUNDING.—

1 (1) LIMITATION.—For each fiscal year, the Sec-
2 retary may not use more than 50 percent of the
3 amounts made available to carry out this part to
4 carry out this section.

5 (2) ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall allocate
6 amounts made available to carry out this section for
7 partial system rebates among the States using the
8 same formula as is used to allocate funds for States
9 under part D of title III of the Energy Policy and
10 Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.).

11 **SEC. 33203B. STATE ADMINISTERED REBATES.**

12 (a) FUNDING.—In carrying out the Home Energy
13 Savings Retrofit Rebate Program, and subject to the
14 availability of appropriations for such purpose, the Sec-
15 retary shall provide grants to States to carry out programs
16 to provide rebates in accordance with this section.

17 (b) STATE PARTICIPATION.—

18 (1) PLAN.—In order to receive a grant under
19 this section a State shall submit to the Secretary an
20 application that includes a plan to implement a
21 State program that meets the minimum criteria
22 under subsection (c).

23 (2) APPROVAL.—Not later than 60 days after
24 receipt of a completed application for a grant under
25 this section, the Secretary shall either approve the

1 application or provide to the applicant an expla-
2 nation for denying the application.

3 (c) MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR STATE PROGRAMS.—

4 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of
5 this Act, the Secretary shall establish and publish min-
6 imum criteria for a State program to meet to qualify for
7 funding under this section, including—

8 (1) that the State program be carried out by
9 the applicable State energy office or its designee;

10 (2) that a rebate be provided under a State pro-
11 gram only for a home energy efficiency retrofit
12 that—

13 (A) is completed by a contractor who
14 meets minimum training requirements and cer-
15 tification requirements set forth by the Sec-
16 retary;

17 (B) includes installation of one or more
18 home energy efficiency retrofit measures for a
19 home that together are modeled to achieve, or
20 are shown to achieve, a reduction in home en-
21 ergy use of 20 percent or more from the base-
22 line energy use of the home;

23 (C) does not include installation of any
24 measure that the Secretary determines does not
25 improve the thermal energy performance of the

1 home, such as a pool pump, pool heater, spa, or
2 EV charger; and

3 (D) includes, after installation of the appli-
4 cable home energy efficiency retrofit measures,
5 a test-out procedure conducted in accordance
6 with guidelines issued by the Secretary of such
7 measures to ensure—

8 (i) the safe operation of all systems
9 post retrofit; and

10 (ii) that all improvements are included
11 in, and have been installed according to—

12 (I) manufacturers installation
13 specifications; and

14 (II) all applicable State and local
15 codes or equivalent standards ap-
16 proved by the Secretary;

17 (3) that the State program utilize—

18 (A) for purposes of modeled performance
19 rebates, modeling software approved by the Sec-
20 retary for determining and documenting the
21 baseline energy use of a home and the reduc-
22 tions in home energy use resulting from the im-
23 plementation of a home energy efficiency ret-
24 rofit; and

1 (B) for purposes of measured performance
2 rebates, methods and procedures approved by
3 the Secretary for determining and documenting
4 the baseline energy use of a home and the re-
5 ductions in home energy use resulting from the
6 implementation of a home energy efficiency ret-
7 rofit, including methods and procedures for use
8 of advanced metering infrastructure, weather-
9 normalized data, and open source standards, to
10 measure such baseline energy use and such re-
11 ductions in home energy use;

12 (4) that the State program include implementa-
13 tion of a quality assurance program—

14 (A) to ensure that home energy efficiency
15 retrofits are achieving the stated level of energy
16 savings, that efficiency measures were installed
17 correctly, and that work is performed in accord-
18 ance with procedures developed by the Sec-
19 retary, including through quality-control inspec-
20 tions for a portion of home energy efficiency
21 retrofits completed by each applicable con-
22 tractor; and

23 (B) under which a quality-control inspec-
24 tion of a home energy efficiency retrofit is per-
25 formed by a quality assurance provider who—

1 (i) is independent of the contractor
2 for such retrofit; and

3 (ii) will confirm that such contractor
4 is a contractor who meets minimum train-
5 ing requirements and certification require-
6 ments set forth by the Secretary;

7 (5) that the State program include require-
8 ments for a homeowner, contractor, or rebate
9 aggregator to claim a rebate, including that the
10 homeowner, contractor, or rebate aggregator submit
11 any applicable forms approved by the Secretary to
12 the State, including a copy of the certificate pro-
13 vided by the applicable contractor certifying pro-
14 jected or measured reduction of home energy use;

15 (6) that the State program may include require-
16 ments for an entity to be eligible to serve as a rebate
17 aggregator to facilitate the delivery of rebates to
18 homeowners or contractors;

19 (7) that the State program include procedures
20 for a homeowner to transfer the right to claim a re-
21 bate to the contractor performing the applicable
22 home energy efficiency retrofit or to a rebate
23 aggregator that works with the contractor; and

24 (8) that the State program provide that a
25 homeowner, contractor, or rebate aggregator may

1 claim more than one rebate under the State pro-
2 gram, and may claim a rebate under the State pro-
3 gram after receiving a partial system rebate under
4 section 33203A, provided that no 2 rebates may be
5 provided with respect to a home using the same
6 baseline energy use of such home.

7 (d) MODELED PERFORMANCE REBATES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a State pro-
9 gram under this section, a State may provide a
10 homeowner, contractor, or rebate aggregator a re-
11 bate, to be known as a modeled performance rebate,
12 for an energy audit of a home and a home energy
13 efficiency retrofit that is projected, using modeling
14 software approved by the Secretary, to reduce home
15 energy use by at least 20 percent.

16 (2) AMOUNT.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
18 section 33203C, and subject to subparagraph
19 (B), the amount of a modeled performance re-
20 bate provided under a State program shall be
21 equal to 50 percent of the cost of the applicable
22 energy audit of a home and home energy effi-
23 ciency retrofit, including the cost of diagnostic
24 procedures, labor, reporting, and modeling.

1 (B) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in
2 section 33203C, with respect to an energy audit
3 and home energy efficiency retrofit that is pro-
4 jected to reduce home energy use by—

5 (i) at least 20 percent, but less than
6 40 percent, the maximum amount of a
7 modeled performance rebate shall be
8 \$2,000; and

9 (ii) at least 40 percent, the maximum
10 amount of a modeled performance rebate
11 shall be \$4,000.

12 (e) MEASURED PERFORMANCE REBATES.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a State pro-
14 gram under this section, a State may provide a
15 homeowner, contractor, or rebate aggregator a re-
16 bate, to be known as a measured performance re-
17 bate, for a home energy efficiency retrofit that re-
18 duces home energy use by at least 20 percent as
19 measured using methods and procedures approved
20 by the Secretary.

21 (2) AMOUNT.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
23 section 33203C, and subject to subparagraph
24 (B), the amount of a measured performance re-
25 bate provided under a State program shall be

1 equal to 50 percent of the cost, including the
2 cost of diagnostic procedures, labor, reporting,
3 and energy measurement, of the applicable
4 home energy efficiency retrofit.

5 (B) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in
6 section 33203C, with respect to a home energy
7 efficiency retrofit that is measured as reducing
8 home energy use by—

9 (i) at least 20 percent, but less than
10 40 percent, the maximum amount of a
11 measured performance rebate shall be
12 \$2,000; and

13 (ii) at least 40 percent, the maximum
14 amount of a measured performance rebate
15 shall be \$4,000.

16 (f) COORDINATION OF REBATE AND EXISTING
17 STATE-SPONSORED OR UTILITY-SPONSORED PRO-
18 GRAMS.—A State that receives a grant under this section
19 is encouraged to work with State agencies, energy utilities,
20 nonprofits, and other entities—

21 (1) to assist in marketing the availability of the
22 rebates under the applicable State program;

23 (2) to coordinate with utility or State managed
24 financing programs;

1 (3) to assist in implementation of the applicable
2 State program, including installation of home energy
3 efficiency retrofits; and

4 (4) to coordinate with existing quality assur-
5 ance programs.

6 (g) ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT.—

7 (1) REVIEW OF APPROVED MODELING SOFT-
8 WARE.—The Secretary shall, on an annual basis, list
9 and review all modeling software approved for use in
10 determining and documenting the reductions in
11 home energy use for purposes of modeled perform-
12 ance rebates under subsection (d). In approving such
13 modeling software each year, the Secretary shall en-
14 sure that modeling software approved for a year will
15 result in modeling of energy efficiency gains for any
16 type of home energy efficiency retrofit that is at
17 least as substantial as the modeling of energy effi-
18 ciency gains for such type of home energy efficiency
19 retrofit using the modeling software approved for
20 the previous year.

21 (2) OVERSIGHT.—If the Secretary determines
22 that a State is not implementing a State program
23 that was approved pursuant to subsection (b) and
24 that meets the minimum criteria under subsection
25 (c), the Secretary may, after providing the State a

1 period of at least 90 days to meet such criteria,
2 withhold grant funds under this section from the
3 State.

4 **SEC. 33203C. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR MODERATE IN-**
5 **COME HOUSEHOLDS.**

6 (a) CERTIFICATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish
7 procedures for certifying that the household of a home-
8 owner is moderate income for purposes of this section.

9 (b) PERCENTAGES.—Subject to subsection (c), for
10 households of homeowners that are certified pursuant to
11 the procedures established under subsection (a) as mod-
12 erate income the—

13 (1) amount of a partial system rebate under
14 section 33203A shall not exceed 60 percent of the
15 applicable purchase and installation costs described
16 in section 33203A(b)(1); and

17 (2) amount of—

18 (A) a modeled performance rebate under
19 section 33203B provided shall be equal to 80
20 percent of the applicable costs described in sec-
21 tion 33203B(d)(2)(A); and

22 (B) a measured performance rebate under
23 section 33203B provided shall be equal to 80
24 percent of the applicable costs described in sec-
25 tion 33203B(e)(2)(A).

1 (c) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS.—For households of home-
2 owners that are certified pursuant to the procedures estab-
3 lished under subsection (a) as moderate income the max-
4 imum amount—

5 (1) of a partial system rebate—

6 (A) under section 33203A(a)(1) for the
7 purchase and installation of insulation and air
8 sealing within a home of the homeowner shall
9 be \$1600; and

10 (B) under section 33203A(a)(2) for the
11 purchase and installation of insulation and air
12 sealing within a home of the homeowner and re-
13 placement of an HVAC system, the heating
14 component of an HVAC system, or the cooling
15 component of an HVAC system, of such home,
16 shall be \$3,000;

17 (2) of a modeled performance rebate under sec-
18 tion 33203B for an energy audit and home energy
19 efficiency retrofit that is projected to reduce home
20 energy use as described in—

21 (A) section 33203B(d)(2)(B)(i) shall be
22 \$4,000; and

23 (B) section 33203B(d)(2)(B)(ii) shall be
24 \$8,000; and

1 (3) of a measured performance rebate under
2 section 33203B for a home energy efficiency retrofit
3 that reduces home energy use as described in—

4 (B) section 33203B(e)(2)(B)(i) shall be
5 \$4,000; and

6 (C) section 33203B(e)(2)(B)(ii) shall be
7 \$8,000.

8 (d) **OUTREACH.**—The Secretary shall establish proce-
9 dures to—

10 (1) provide information to households of home-
11 owners that are certified pursuant to the procedures
12 established under subsection (a) as moderate income
13 regarding other programs and resources relating to
14 assistance for energy efficiency upgrades of homes,
15 including the weatherization assistance program im-
16 plemented under part A of title IV of the Energy
17 Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6861
18 et seq.); and

19 (2) refer such households, as applicable, to such
20 other programs and resources.

21 **SEC. 33203D. EVALUATION REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

22 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 3 years after the
23 date of enactment of this Act and annually thereafter until
24 the termination of the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Re-
25 bate Program, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a

1 report on the use of funds made available to carry out
2 this part.

3 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under sub-
4 section (a) shall include—

5 (1) how many home energy efficiency retrofits
6 have been completed during the previous year under
7 the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program;

8 (2) an estimate of how many jobs have been
9 created through the Home Energy Savings Retrofit
10 Rebate Program, directly and indirectly;

11 (3) a description of what steps could be taken
12 to promote further deployment of energy efficiency
13 and renewable energy retrofits;

14 (4) a description of the quantity of verifiable
15 energy savings, homeowner energy bill savings, and
16 other benefits of the Home Energy Savings Retrofit
17 Rebate Program;

18 (5) a description of any waste, fraud, or abuse
19 with respect to funds made available to carry out
20 this part; and

21 (6) any other information the Secretary con-
22 siders appropriate.

23 **SEC. 33203E. ADMINISTRATION.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide such
25 administrative and technical support to contractors, rebate

1 aggregators, States, and Indian Tribes as is necessary to
2 carry out this part.

3 (b) INFORMATION COLLECTION.—The Secretary
4 shall establish, and make available to a homeowner, or the
5 homeowner’s designated representative, seeking a rebate
6 under this part, release forms authorizing access by the
7 Secretary, or a designated third-party representative to in-
8 formation in the utility bills of the homeowner with appro-
9 priate privacy protections in place.

10 **SEC. 33203F. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
12 priated to the Secretary to carry out this part
13 \$1,200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through
14 2025, to remain available until expended.

15 (b) TRIBAL ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts made
16 available pursuant to subsection (a) for a fiscal year, the
17 Secretary shall work with Indian Tribes and use 2 percent
18 of such amounts to carry out a program or programs that
19 as close as possible reflect the goals, requirements, and
20 provisions of this part, taking into account any factors
21 that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

22 **PART 3—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

23 **SEC. 33204. APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL.**

24 Notwithstanding the provisions of title 5, United
25 States Code, regarding appointments in the competitive

1 service and General Schedule classifications and pay rates,
2 the Secretary may appoint such professional and adminis-
3 trative personnel as the Secretary considers necessary to
4 carry out this subchapter.

5 **SEC. 33204A. MAINTENANCE OF FUNDING.**

6 Each State receiving Federal funds pursuant to this
7 subchapter shall provide reasonable assurances to the Sec-
8 retary that it has established policies and procedures de-
9 signed to ensure that Federal funds provided under this
10 subchapter will be used to supplement, and not to sup-
11 plant, State and local funds.

