

Federal Energy Affordability Programs: Prospects for Money and Modernization

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Congress in Paralysis: The Disagreement on Spending is Real



House – Passed Budget 2015-2024



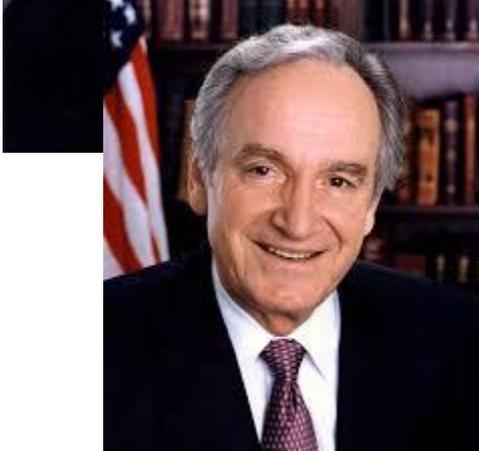
BUDGETS VS. CURRENT POLICY

	House Budget	Progressive Caucus	Black Caucus	Van Hollen	President's Budget
Taxes	\$0	↑\$6.6 T	↑\$2.3T	↑\$1.8T	↑\$1.8T
Spending	↓\$5.1T	↑\$3.3T	↑\$1.6T	↑\$740B	↑\$791B
Deficits	↓\$5.3T	↓\$3.3T	↓\$764B	↓\$1.0T	↓\$1.0T
Debt	↓\$5.3T	↓\$2.9T	↓\$988B	↓\$995B	↓\$1.4T
Defense	↑\$483B	↑\$7B	↑\$189B	↑\$189B	↑\$200B
Balance?	2024	Never	Never	Never	Never

All comparisons relative to current policy as estimated by the House Budget Committee.

Is This Year The High-Water Mark for Domestic Discretionary Programs?

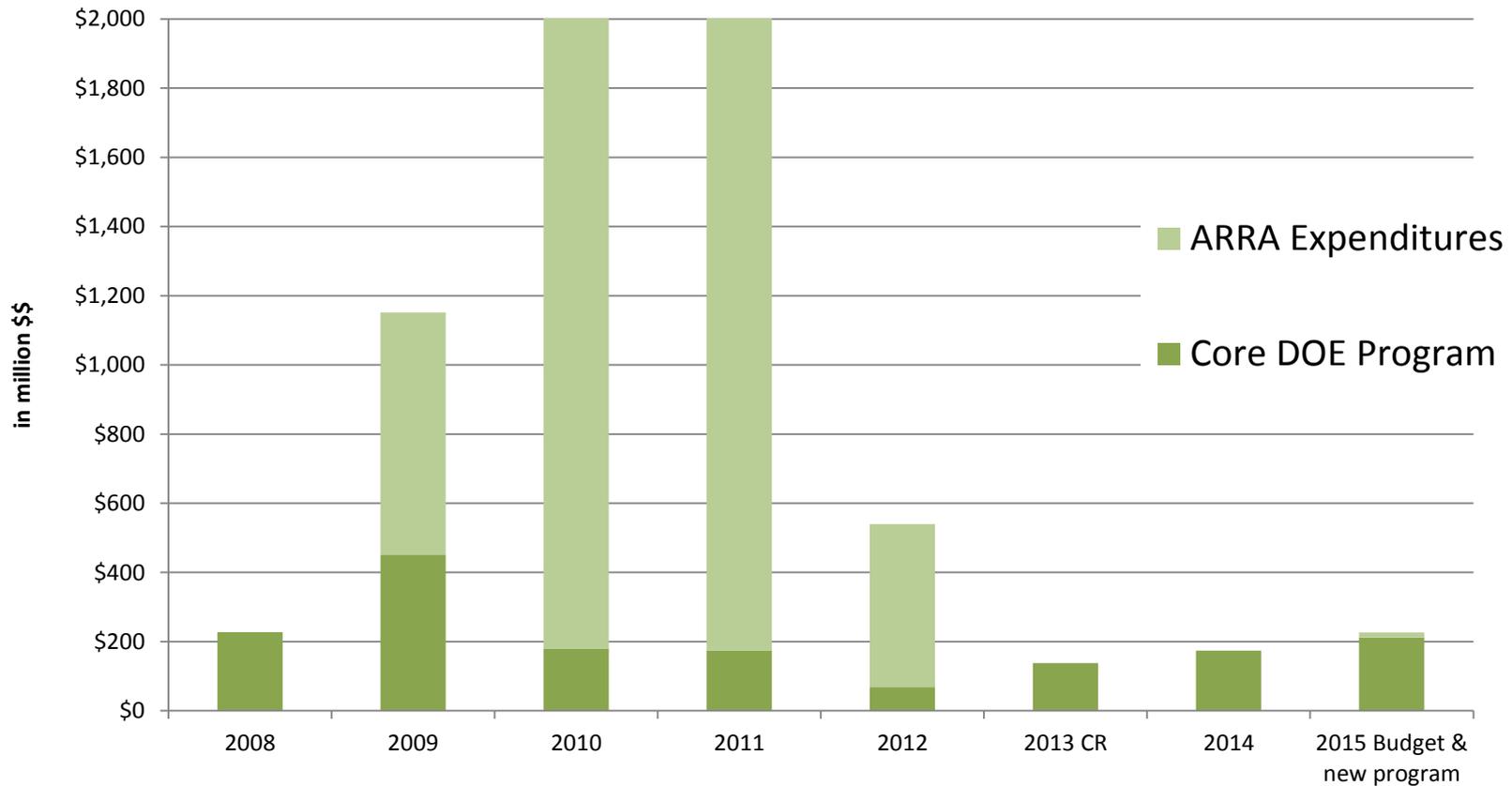
- Leadership Defenders



A PICTURE OF THE PROBLEM

Weatherization Assistance Funding

2008-2015 Budget: ARRA & Core Funds



Q: What Programs Grow in a Budget Freeze?

A: Priority Programs with

✓ Popular Recognition & **Congressional Champs**

Including LIHEAP? Maybe!

Including WAP ? Not yet!



Competing Good Programs

“It’s Lamb Eat Lamb Out There” [anon.]

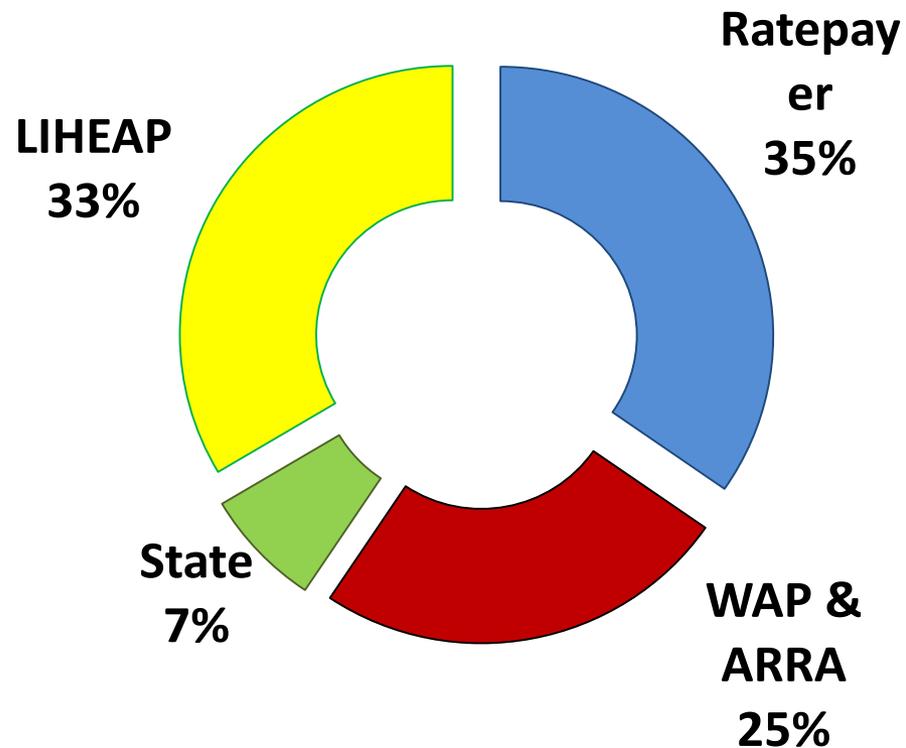
- 1. Other Efficiency – esp. Industrial*
- 2. Anti- Poverty Brethren*
 - Affordable Housing Owners*
 - Service Groups: Habitat, Rebuilding Together, Catholic Charities*
- 3. “novelty approaches” - mostly OMB*

The DOE WAP Network's Resources for Low-Income Efficiency 2013

\$959 Mil !!

[DOES WAP MATTER?]

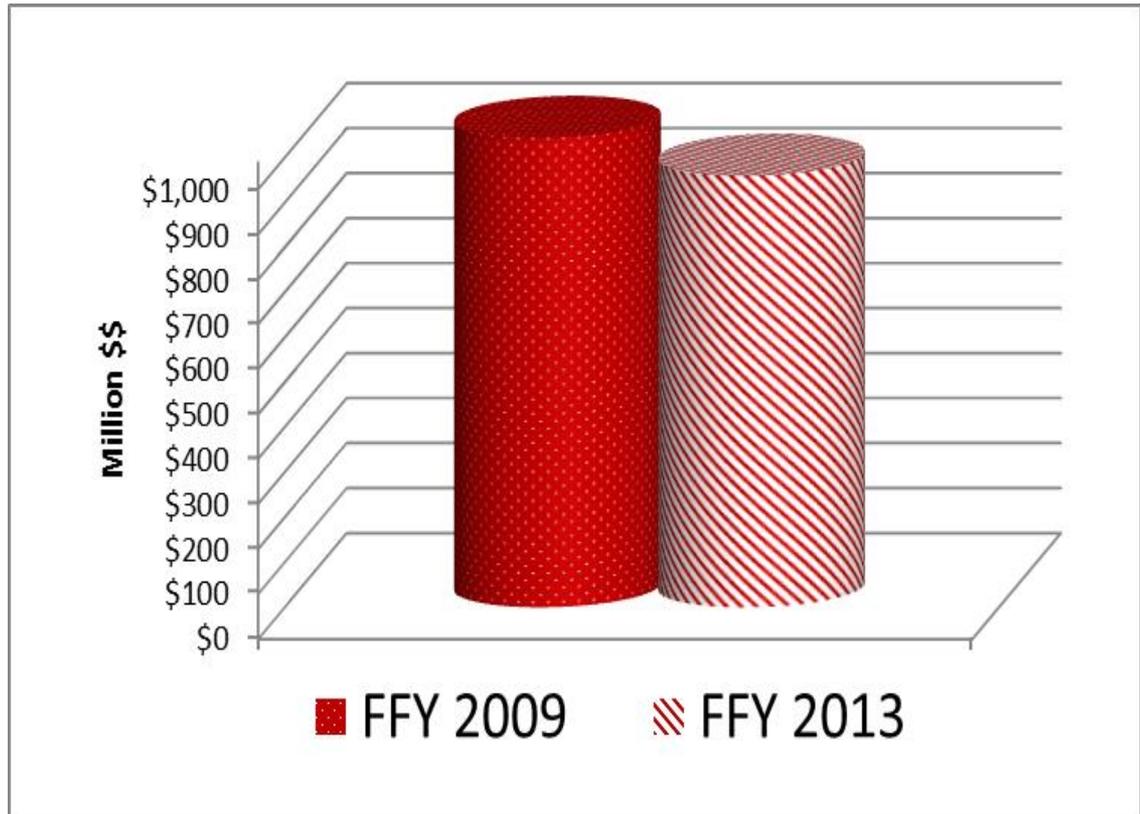
Funding Sources for the WAP Network in 2013 Totalling \$959 Million



WEATHERIZATION IS NOW
WEATHERIZATION PLUS

All WAP Resources 2009 v. 2013

Compared to
Pre-ARRA
year: 8 %
Smaller



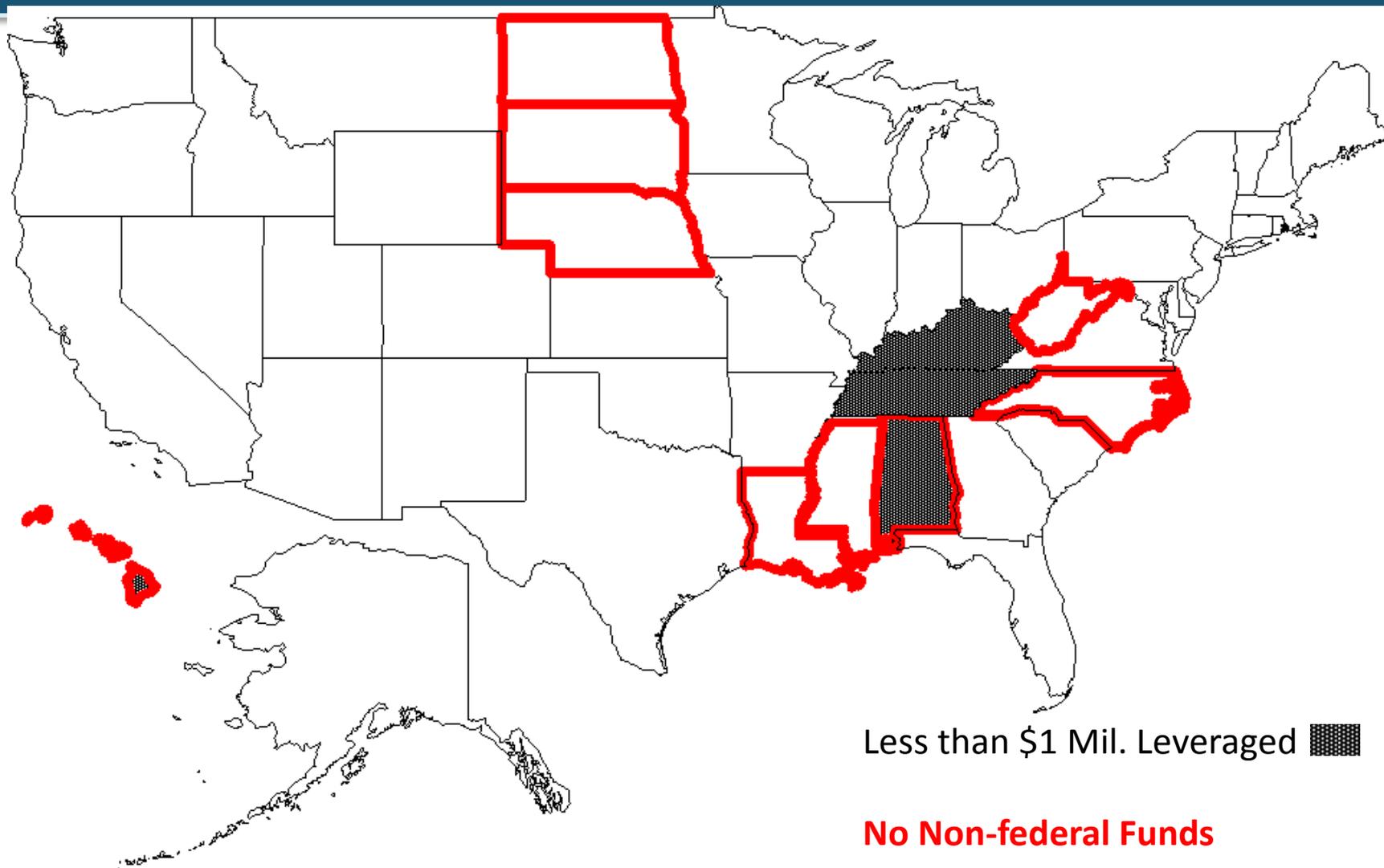
ARRA Almost
TRIPLED
Annual WAP
Resources:
\$1 B. in 2008
\$2.8 in 2010
& 2011

NOT a 10-fold increase!
Unless you live here:



or Here

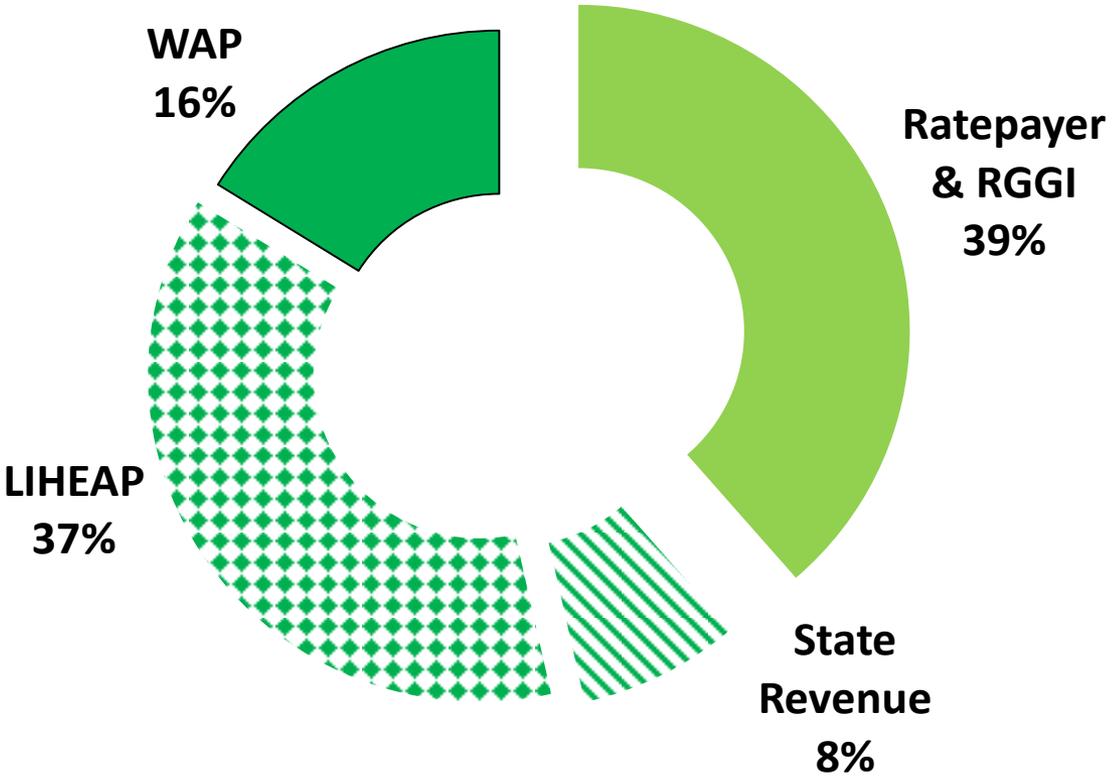
Weatherization PLUS: Not a National Program



Less than \$1 Mil. Leveraged [Stippled Box]

No Non-federal Funds

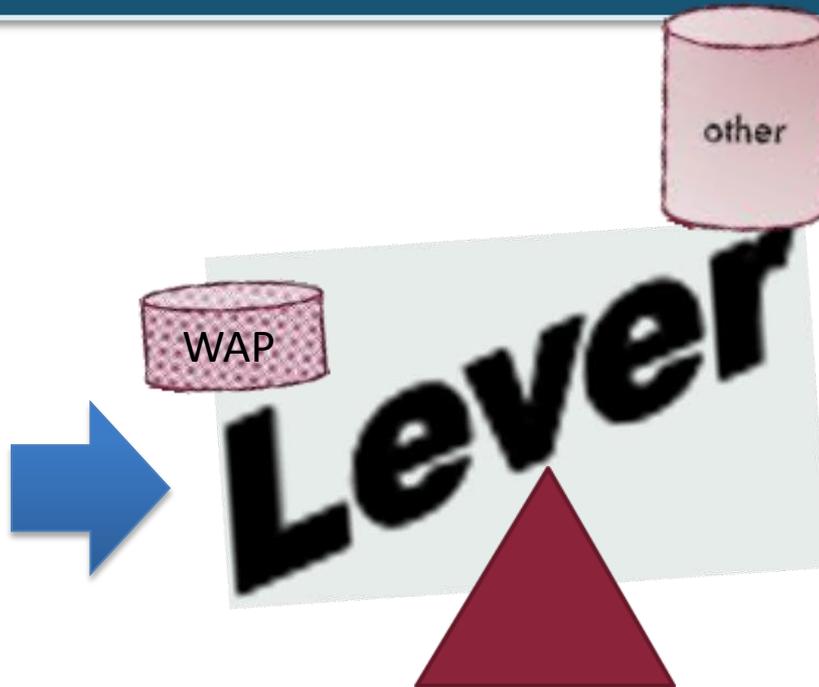
Why WAP DOES Matter {For Now}



Why WAP DOES Matter [cont'd]

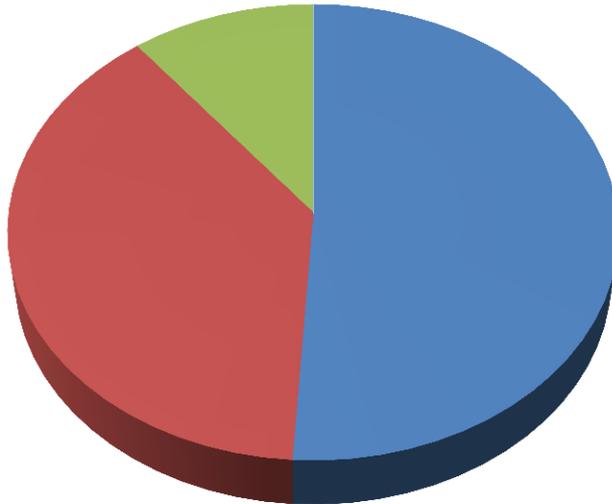
WAP is an Asset

This is
Your
Program
Delivering
Value



Opportunity?

All Utility Low-Income \$\$ = \$651 M
v. WAP- Coordinated \$\$ = \$332 M



- WAP Coordinated
- Balance CA Low-Income
- Balance Low-Income

Opportunity #2: Change Your Design

New York Programs' Options

- Can You Capture Energy Smart work?
- More EmPower share?
- Separate utility direct program?
- Change LIHEAP – WAP fund uses?
- Win related new tasks? Lead ? Healthy homes? Education?
- Consolidate areas and save?

What Should Future WAP Look Like?

- New Emphasis on Quality Assurance:
 - Necessary or Unnecessary Hindrance??
 - Affordable?
- Maybe – a Chance to Re-Write the Authorization
- Maybe a Chance to Change Policy

What Are the Big Questions to Address?

- Is the SIR CONCEPT obsolete?
- Is WAP leading the Home Performance Industry? Should it?
- Value of non-energy benefits in the competition for utility \$\$? Public??
- Importance of assigning delivery in organizations that serve low-wage working families and retirees multiple ways?

REPRISE

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Money – Big Gains will be in the Utility
partnership sector for those who act

Change – We can address it together- as a state
& nationwide network , before February 2015
and the 114 th Congress

www.WeatherizationPLUS.org

Technical Assistance

- Linkages
- Networking
- DOE Supported for W.A.P. agencies
- EOS team serves as leveragers' "staff"
- Customized to your needs

The Weatherization Leveraged Partnerships Project

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