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I wholeheartedly support the intent of the HERS program. Measurement & Verification is critical. However, the current Calcerts/CHEERS ecosystem is broken, and needs to be reworked. I spent years of my life working on meaningless registry data entry to help clients get their rebate checks in jurisdictions where the Chief Building Official couldn't care less about enforcing the energy code. What a waste of time.

Also: QII !!! (need I say more) I've been a HERS Rater for 12 years, and it's the worst.

I'm not sure what the best answer is here, but we need to stop doing what we are doing now. I encourage a new system with an absolute minimum of data entry. Architects and Mechanical engineers have professional licenses, and sign off on major items in buildings with a simple letter and signature. I don't understand why HERS Raters can't do the same.

I don't think the current system is fixable, unfortunately. It needs to go so we can have something better.

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