***Becca Trietch – Biographical Sketch***

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***Experience Summary****: Dr. Trietch coordinates the Affordable Housing & Energy Retrofits (AHER) programs for DEEP, such as the Residential Energy Preparation Services (REPS) program. AHER programs are designed to meet policy priorities related to affordability, weatherization, decarbonization, and health and safety. AHER programs work directly with vulnerable households and communities to enhance energy equity, reduce energy burdens, and cultivate a comprehensive approach to housing retrofits. The REPS program provides increased energy efficiency services to low-income households through removing health and safety barriers (asbestos, mold, knob-and-tube wiring, etc.) when these barriers prevent weatherization (such as insulation and air sealing) in income-eligible households.*