

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Christopher Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Wright:

We write to follow up on the attached letter sent on January 31, 2025. This letter raised grave concerns about the Department of Energy's (DOE) unlawful actions to freeze program funding. The Department's actions continue to cause widespread chaos and confusion, affect a broad array of investments in American communities, and threaten to raise energy costs for American families. We have yet to hear back on any of the questions raised and many of these critical programs remain illegally frozen.

As Secretary, you have a responsibility and duty to execute the laws faithfully. We reiterate our call for the Department to responsibly carry out duly enacted spending laws, execute its programs, and follow the law as intended for all of its appropriated funding. Congress has enacted laws to invest in America's security and prosperity and lower American households' energy costs by addressing our nation's energy, environmental, and nuclear challenges through transformative science and technology solutions. This administration's funding freeze continues to create mass uncertainty, will cause energy prices to rise, risks good-paying jobs in communities across the country, and undermines the pursuit of energy dominance.

We respectfully ask that you respond to the questions raised in our prior letter and release all of the illegally frozen funds expeditiously.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy
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House Committee on Appropriations



Patty Murray
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy
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Senate Committee on Appropriations

cc: Christopher Johns, Deputy Chief Financial Officer