

August 7, 2026

The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Secretary Wright:

I write to demand that you preserve all records and communications related to the Administration's cancellation of more than \$7.5 billion of energy project grants.

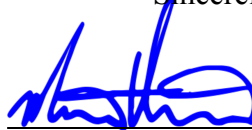
Following reports that the Trump Administration acknowledged in court filings that it terminated more than \$7.5 billion of energy grants due to political motivations, I wrote to you along with 38 senators demanding the Administration restore funding to those projects that were illegally canceled.¹ Today, I write to request that you preserve all documents, communications, and records related to the termination of those energy projects. As you know, under the law, you are required to comply with records preservation requirements.²

To ensure that the records are produced to the Committee in potential future document requests without undue delay, I request that you do the following immediately:

1. Preserve all records and communications, not limited to e-mail, electronic documents, and data, created since January 20, 2025, related to the termination of the above-mentioned energy projects; and
2. Identify and immediately notify any former employees, including contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and any other individuals or entities who may have access to such records.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,



Martin Heinrich
United States Senator
Ranking Member, Committee
on Energy and Natural
Resources

¹ "Trump Administration Admits Canceling Grants to States That Did Not Vote for Him," The New York Times, July 24, 2026. Available: <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/24/business/trump-state-grants-canceled.html>; *Thakur v. Trump*, No. 3:25-cv-04737-RFL. Available: <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.cand.450653/gov.uscourts.cand.450653.211.6.pdf>; "Letter from Senator Martin Heinrich and 38 senators to Department of Energy Secretary, Chris Wright, and Office of Management and Budget Director, Russ Vought," United States Senate, July 30, 2026. Available: <https://www.energy.senate.gov/services/files/523855C2-FAD0-41E7-AB1B-EA141B480D83>.

² 44 U.S.C. §§ 3101-3107. Available: <https://www.archives.gov/about/laws/fed-agencies.html>.