

**U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources**  
**May 14, 2025 Hearing: The Brightbill, Pierce, Prochaska and Mamula Nominations**  
**Questions for the Record Submitted to Ms. Tina Pierce**

**Questions for the Record from Ranking Member Martin Heinrich**

**Question 1:** Although Secretary Wright denies it, it is a fact that the DOE has cancelled, delayed, and withheld congressionally appropriated funds.

Do you believe this is unlawful or inconsistent with appropriations law?

Response: While I cannot speak to the specifics of any funding decisions at DOE today, I commit to following the law.

**Question 2:** The CFO at DOE handles a variety of sensitive information, including Personally Identifiable Information (PII), procurement, financial, and proprietary information, including Official Use Only Information (OUOI).

How will you ensure only appropriate personnel have access to this data?

Response: Safeguarding sensitive information is a core responsibility of the Chief Financial Officer. If confirmed, I will work with relevant DOE officials to ensure that robust access controls and protocols are in place across all systems and business processes handling personally identifiable, financial, procurement and proprietary data.

**Questions for the Record from Senator Steve Daines**

**Question 1:** Ms. Pierce, if confirmed to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy, do you commit to upholding the highest standards of fiduciary responsibility in managing the funds that Congress has entrusted to the Department of Energy while ensuring transparency and accountability?

Response: If confirmed, I will approach the role of CFO with a deep sense of duty to be a responsible steward of taxpayer resources entrusted to the Department of Energy and to following the law.

**Questions for the Record from Senator Catherine Cortez Masto**

**Question 1:** A November 2024 report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that the Department of Energy (DOE) has a record of inadequate contract management. From your perspective, are there ways that the Department and Congress can work together to streamline information sharing and improve the reliability of information for contracted projects – while still upholding security measures?

Response: If confirmed, one of my priorities will be to work with the DOE Office of Management and other relevant DOE officials to ensure contracts and agreements are sound and complete before taxpayer funds are disbursed. Responsible fiscal stewardship means protecting

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taxpayer dollars at every stage – from contract design to final execution – I want that discipline embedded across all of the DOE’s financial contracting activities.