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The Honorable Christopher Wright  
Secretary of Energy  
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Dear Secretary Wright:

I urge you to immediately release nearly \$43 million in clean energy and energy efficiency funding for Rhode Island. The Trump Administration's continued hold on these funds will roll back progress on Rhode Island's ability to lower energy costs, increase energy independence, and drive economic growth.

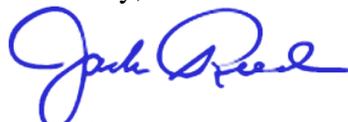
Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, Congress approved several grant programs to help Americans install clean energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. However, programs in several states have been unable to launch as DOE has not provided the necessary approvals to unlock this funding. This includes the following programs in Rhode Island:

- **Home Efficiency Rebate Program: \$31.9 million.** This funding would allow Rhode Islanders receive rebates to purchase and install heat pumps. According to Rewiring America, the average homeowner will save between \$370 to \$1,000 per year by upgrading to a heat pump.
- **Building Energy Code Adoption: \$9.4 million.** This funding would help local governments adopt updated building energy conservation codes and standards. DOE has estimated that by 2040, modernized energy codes will save homes and businesses \$138 billion on their utility bills— equivalent to \$162 annually per household.
- **Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation (RECI): \$1.6 million.** This funding would assist in training and implementation of updated energy codes for residential buildings.

These investments will make clean energy and energy efficient upgrades more affordable and accessible for Rhode Islanders, lowering energy costs and creating good-paying jobs. I urge you to execute the funding directives Congress enacted and immediately release this funding to the state.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed  
United States Senator