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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm:

I appreciate your efforts to administer funding from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), and your continued attention to the energy needs of Rhode Islanders. Given the news that the Governor of Florida has signaled he is rejecting \$354 million of the state's allocated IRA funds, I write to inquire about the process for reallocating those funds to Rhode Island.

As you know, the IRA provides nearly \$370 billion in affordable clean energy initiatives to reduce energy costs for families, help fight climate change, and make America more energy independent. This includes \$8.8 billion in energy efficiency and electrification rebate programs to be administered by states. These rebates are expected to save American households up to \$1 billion annually by subsidizing the costs of home energy improvements like heat pumps and electric stoves, depending on household size and income.

The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (RI OER) is eager to accept its apportioned \$64 million. RI OER is working diligently to set up its rebate program and could utilize additional funds that Florida's Governor may not accept for purely partisan reasons.

If Florida, or any other state, does not plan to accept these rebate funds, I urge you to do everything you can to make these funds available to other states, including the State of Rhode Island, that can put them to good use. The Inflation Reduction Act holds enormous promise to combat climate change and drive down the cost of clean energy technologies, but these historic investments only work if they are implemented. The Governor of Florida's short-sighted political decision may be Florida's loss, but it should not inflict damage on the rest of the nation.

This is America's shot to comprehensively reduce costs and confront climate change, and we need to take it. Everyone who cares about costs and climate change can do their part to help and take advantage of new incentives under the law. Rhode Island stands ready to put this clean energy money to work and save consumers real money upgrading to renewable energy.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request, and I look forward to working with you to effectively implement the law in a timely manner that boosts the economy, confronts climate change, and builds a brighter future for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jack Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jack" and last name "Reed" clearly distinguishable.

Jack Reed  
United States Senator