

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 29, 2025

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

The Honorable Russell T. Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Secretary Wright and Director Vought:

We write to request reinstatement of financial assistance award EE0011500 that was lawfully obligated to Brayton Energy, a New Hampshire-based small business that specializes in the development of advanced power and energy technologies. The innovative energy storage system funded by this award would support grid stability and help reduce industrial costs to make American manufacturing more profitable.

On October 2, 2025, the Department of Energy notified Brayton Energy that its award for the thermal energy storage project would be terminated in its entirety. This unlawful action does unnecessary and unwarranted harm. It will result in lost jobs directly in the community and further set back efforts to grow American manufacturing jobs through the commercial scale-up of this technology that will be sourced and manufactured entirely in the United States. American businesses need certainty, and the Department of Energy needs to honor its funding obligations.

Given the broadly shared goal of ensuring affordable and reliable energy to meet growing demand, this grant should be fully restored without delay. The low-cost technology being developed by Brayton Energy will add capacity to the power grid by storing energy and dispatching it during times of high demand or unreliability. Regardless of fuel source, energy storage is a valuable tool for addressing challenges facing our grid.

Again, we urge you to reinstate this financial award to Brayton Energy so it can continue its work to improve grid reliability and strengthen American manufacturing. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



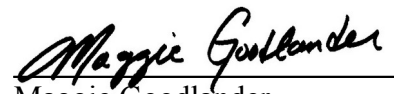
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