

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 21, 2018

The Honorable Rick Perry
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave S.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Secretary Perry:

We write to thank you for the commitment you made on May 9, 2018 before the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology to release funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and the State Energy Program (SEP) no later than July 1, 2018.

In the fiscal year 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 115–141), Congress provided a ten percent increase in funding for both of these important programs that represent the foundation for energy efficiency and clean energy investments that create jobs, increase American competitiveness, save households and businesses money, and reduce pollution.

The Weatherization Assistance Program and the State Energy Program provide tangible benefits to our communities by making lasting energy efficiency improvements in homes, businesses, hospitals, and schools. WAP helps low-income households reduce their energy bills to free up limited financial resources for other essentials such as food and medicine. SEP gives states resources to improve their energy security, increase their energy efficiency, and boost economic growth. As a result of WAP and SEP, businesses reinvest energy savings into job-creating opportunities that contribute to our states' economies.

We have long-supported these key energy efficiency and clean energy programs within the Department of Energy and urge the Department to uphold your commitment by quickly releasing these funds. We look forward to continuing to work with you on these critical programs, and thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or have your staff contact Kayla McMurry (Collins) at 202-224-2523 and Heather Majors (Reed) at 202-224-4642.

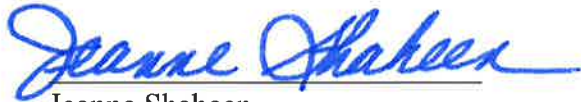
Sincerely,



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