

United States Senate

October 2, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Wright,


We write in strong opposition to the U.S. Department of Energy's cancellation of California's Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES), in addition to the cancellation of over \$7.5 billion in other DOE grants. The cancellation of ARCHES is vindictive, shortsighted, and proof that this Administration is not serious about American energy dominance. We strongly urge you to immediately restore the funding awarded to the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems Hub in California.

In July 2024, the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) awarded \$30 million to the California Hydrogen Hub through the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems to initiate hydrogen hub projects, following its selection as one of seven regional hubs in October 2023. These projects – and the economic growth and American jobs they support – are dispersed across the State of California, in both Democratic and Republican areas. From the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland to areas of the Central Valley and the reservation of the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, to Lancaster, California, the investment is already being used to bring together private industry, local governments, and community organizations to collaborate and build a secure, American-made energy future.

This project was projected to create 220,000 good-paying jobs, from research and development (R&D) to manufacturing and maintenance of renewable hydrogen systems. This, in turn, promotes public-private partnerships to expand our energy and STEP workforce. The cancellation of this award threatens the future promise of hydrogen energy, leaving us behind the rest of the world. The ARCHES hub is a key strategic investment into American energy dominance, energy technology prominence, manufacturing job growth, and lowering energy costs for American families.

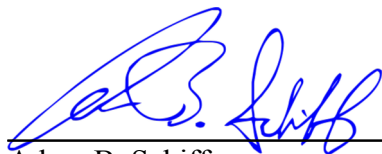
The ARCHES hub is a critical and strategic investment in our energy future. It provides a clear path toward energy independence, innovation, competitiveness, and affordability. The illegal withdrawal of support for this vital project is a significant step back from American energy dominance, and we request that you restore full support for ARCHES. Thank you, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Alex Padilla

United States Senator



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