

From: Thomas Catenacci
Sent: Wed, 2 Apr 2025 11:55:23 -0400
To: Dietderich, Ben
Cc: Woods, Andrea; DL-PAPress
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Question on RMI grant cancellations - Free Beacon

Yes, call any time! I think you have my cell, but will send just in case: (b) (6) .

Best,
 Thomas



On Wed, Apr 2, 2025 at 11:40 AM Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Thomas, do you have time to chat this afternoon? We have another unrelated story for you.

From: Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov>
Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 10:05 AM
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Hi Thomas! Sorry for the delay on this. Sharing our statement below. Feel free to attribute to Ben!

“The Department of Energy is focused on delivering on President Trump’s pledge to lower energy costs, unleash American energy dominance, and promote the more efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Department reviewed the contract to see if it met agency priorities and it did not. These contracts failed to advance any of these goals or priorities, and the Department acted in the best interest of the American people by terminating them.”

From: Thomas Catenacci <catenacci@freebeacon.com>
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Following up to see if there is any interest here. Thank you!

Thomas



On Tue, Apr 1, 2025 at 11:57 AM Thomas Catenacci <catenacci@freebeacon.com> wrote:

Hi Andrea and Ben,

I saw this report that the DOE is canceling grants awarded to the left-wing think tank Rocky Mountain Institute by the previous administration. Can the DOE share more info on this and provide a more detailed explanation for this decision?

<https://apnews.com/article/trump-energy-department-clean-energy-wind-solar-batteries-hydrogen-fossil-fuels-cf1dff9ee771c566765e9ca3e3599d91>

As you are aware, RMI has led efforts to ban gas stoves and boasts a number of ties to the Chinese Communist Party. It has also received millions of dollars from prominent left-wing grantmakers. We would love to highlight this grant cancellation, if possible.

Let me know if you could get something over by around 3pm EST. Thank you!

All the best,

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