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Sent: Thu, 27 Feb 2025 16:07:35 -0500
To: Woods, Andrea
Cc: Dietderich, Ben; DOE NEWS
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Press inquiry - Free Beacon

Sounds good. Appreciate you looking into this.

Thomas

On Thu, Feb 27, 2025 at 4:06 PM Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Hi Thomas,

Apologies for the delay! DOE is reviewing this waiver issued by the previous administration.

If I have anything more I can share on this in the coming weeks, we'll be in touch!

Thanks,
Andrea

From: Thomas Catenacci <catenacci@freebeacon.com>
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 10:28 AM
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Sounds good, appreciate it!

Thomas



On Thu, Feb 27, 2025 at 9:54 AM Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Hi Thomas,

Ben is actually on the road today with the Secretary but let me check into this for you. Will do our best to get you something by 2pm today.

Thanks!

Andrea

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Andrea Woods

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From: Thomas Catenacci <catenacci@freebeacon.com>

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 9:51 AM

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Hi Ben,

In its final days in office, the Biden administration issued a waiver exempting a wide range of DOE programs from being required to meet Build America, Buy America standards for solar panels. The move opens the door for recipients of large federal grants and loans—including those awarded via the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships Program and LPO's Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment Financing program—to source solar supplies from China.

<https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/BABA%20WAV%202025-08%20Omnibus%20Proposed%20Nonavailability%20Solar%20Waiver%2012.12.2024%20CLEAN.pdf>

Is this something that DOE is reviewing? Is it considering an action to rescind this omnibus waiver?

Deadline for this is 2 p.m. EST.

Best,

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