

**From:** Jimmy Goodrich (LTV)  
**Sent:** Fri, 28 Feb 2025 16:36:31 +0000  
**To:** Pruet, Jason Anthony; Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Bartlett, Dirk Allen  
**Cc:** Hebert, Ashley; Lamanna, Isabelle  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: a briefing to DOE leadership ... on China and Jimmy of RAND

Thanks Jason and appreciate the connection to your main DOE colleagues.

Hi All – let me know if you'd like to connect. I would be happy to provide a briefing on PRC advanced tech and AI efforts. – I am based in DC and not traveling for the next few weeks.

Jimmy Goodrich  
Senior Advisor for Technology Analysis  
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**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2025 9:49 PM  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Bartlett, Dirk Allen <dbartlett@lanl.gov>  
**Cc:** Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>; Jimmy Goodrich (LTV) <jgoodrich@rand.org>  
**Subject:** [EXT] a briefing to DOE leadership ... on China and Jimmy of RAND

Hi Alex and S1 team,

Thanks for helping to arrange the briefing for the Secretary and DOE leadership.

I'm writing to make the connection with Jimmy Goodrich. He is the analyst that who gives the briefing that Thom mentioned. He said he is glad to do this, and plus he lives out in DC so the scheduling might be easy.

Jason

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**From:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <[alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov](mailto:alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2025 5:00 AM  
**To:** Bartlett, Dirk Allen <[dbartlett@lanl.gov](mailto:dbartlett@lanl.gov)>; Pruet, Jason Anthony <[jpruet@lanl.gov](mailto:jpruet@lanl.gov)>; Mason, Thom <[masont@lanl.gov](mailto:masont@lanl.gov)>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Thank you!

Adding the S1 scheduling team. We're on travel through tomorrow, but will follow up when we can to arrange.

On the policy side, send us your list as soon as possible so we can discuss with S1.

Thanks for a great visit.

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**From:** Jack Cramton  
**Sent:** Thu, 30 Jan 2025 21:02:08 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oil and Gas Tariff Exemption Request  
**Attachments:** US Oil and Natural Gas - New Tariff Exemptions.pdf, Benefits of North American Crude.pdf

Alex,

As the administration considers the next steps on trade policy, we want to make sure you are aware of the imported products that the industry views as essential for achieving American energy dominance. The attached document includes a list of products assembled through a survey of our membership which would inhibit the administration's objective of achieving their energy goals if tariffs were applied to them. We are asking that these products be exempted from potential tariffs. Additionally, I have attached a document demonstrating the importance of Canadian crude to U.S. refineries.

We would like to meet with you and your team to discuss this request at your convenience.

Please let us know if you have any questions and are available to meet.

Best,

**Jack Cramton**

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### **Tariff Exemptions for Energy Dominance**

#### **Tariffs Exemptions for Oils, Natural Gas, and Refined Products**

Context: The U.S. has a global advantage in oil and natural gas production and refining/manufacturing. Historically, increased costs on crude oil, natural gas, or refined products led to upward pressure on costs to consumers. Tariffs would likely have a similar result and, could erode the U.S.'s standing as a net exporter of energy. U.S. refineries take advantage of heavy-grade crude oil from Canada and Mexico to meet U.S. consumers' demand, especially in Indiana, Montana, and Michigan. While there is the possibility to retool U.S. refineries to utilize light-grade crude from the U.S., it would jeopardize U.S. energy dominance.

Ask: Exempt from tariffs crude oil, natural gas, refined products, and used cooking oil under these HTS code headings (see Appendix A for the ten-digit HTS codes):

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#### **Tariffs Exemptions for Critical Industrial Materials**

Context: The U.S.'s global advantage in oil and natural gas is also built, in part, with industrial materials that cannot be sourced sufficiently in the U.S. to produce, transport, and refine hydrocarbons. These industrial materials include pipes for drilling, production, and pipelines; turbines; transformers; and taps, valves, pressure/temperature measuring devices, and centrifuges for facilities. US suppliers do not meet specifications required for procurement of these products.

Ask: Exempt from tariffs the industrial materials critical to U.S. oil and natural gas under these HTS code headings (see Appendix B for the ten-digit HTS codes):

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Appendix A: Hydrocarbon Products to Exempt from Tariffs

HTS	Product Name
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HTS	Product Name
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**Appendix B: Industrial Materials Critical to US Oil & Natural Gas to Exempt from Tariffs**

HTS	Product Name
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# U.S. Consumers Benefit from Oil & Natural Gas Imports from Canada and Mexico

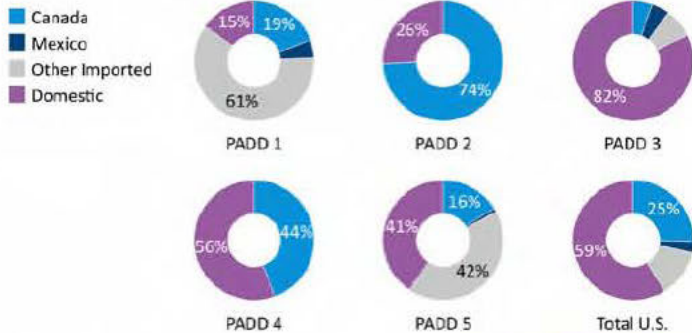
Crude oil imports from **CANADA AND MEXICO ACCOUNT FOR 28%** of the crude oil run through U.S. refineries.



U.S. refineries are configured for heavier crude oil from Canada and Mexico, which cannot be replaced with lighter domestic crude oil.

Canadian imports account for **74% OF CRUDE OIL** used in PADD 2 (Midwest) refineries.

Imports of Canadian crude oil account for 74% of crude used in refineries located in PADD 2 (Midwest) and 44% in PADD 4 (Rocky Mountains)



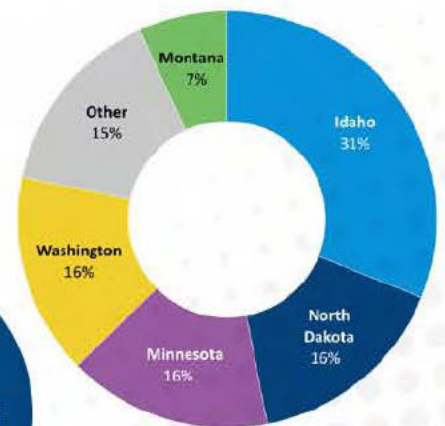
Source: U.S. EIA

Imports from Canada are equivalent to **9% OF TOTAL U.S. NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION**

**THE MAJORITY OF THE NATURAL GAS ENTERS THE U.S. IN THE WEST** with +30% entering through Idaho, though the majority of this is ultimately sent to Washington.

31% of U.S. natural gas imports entered the country through Idaho in 2023

Share of total U.S. natural gas imports by point-of-entry



Geography and existing pipeline infrastructure make it **easier to get natural gas to market from Canada** than shipping it from the South or East.

Note: This does not account for interstate transfers once the natural gas is imported. For example, 2.5 bcf/d of Canadian natural gas entered the U.S. through Idaho in 2023, but Idaho then transferred a net 2.1 bcf/d across state lines, with the majority going to Washington.

Source: U.S. EIA



# Midwest Refineries Case Studies

## ExxonMobil Joliet, IL



EMPLOYEES &  
CONTRACTORS  
**900**



INFLOW  
FROM CANADA  
**238,000**  
BPD



REFINERY PRODUCTS  
Gasoline, Diesel,  
Coke, Sulfur,  
Propylene, Asphalt



OUTFLOW  
TO THE U.S.  
**252,000**  
BPD

## BP Whiting, IN



EMPLOYEES &  
CONTRACTORS  
**2,700**



INFLOW  
FROM CANADA  
**350,000**  
BPD



REFINERY PRODUCTS  
Gasoline, Diesel,  
Jet Fuel, Asphalt



OUTFLOW  
TO THE U.S.  
**440,000**  
BPD

## Phillips 66 Wood River, IL



EMPLOYEES &  
CONTRACTORS  
**800**



INFLOW  
FROM CANADA  
**134,000**  
BPD



REFINERY PRODUCTS  
Gasoline, Diesel, Jet  
Fuel, Petrochemical  
Feedstocks, Asphalt,  
Coke



OUTFLOW  
TO THE U.S.  
**356,000**  
BPD

## Phillips 66 Billings, MT



EMPLOYEES &  
CONTRACTORS  
**290**



INFLOW  
FROM CANADA  
**68,000**  
BPD



REFINERY PRODUCTS  
Gasoline, Diesel,  
Jet Fuel, Coke



OUTFLOW  
TO THE U.S.  
**67,000**  
BPD

## Marathon Petroleum Detroit, MI



EMPLOYEES &  
CONTRACTORS  
**525**



INFLOW  
FROM CANADA  
**68,000**  
BPD



REFINERY PRODUCTS  
Gasoline, Distillates,  
Asphalt, Natural  
Gas Liquids and  
Petrochemicals,  
Propane, Heavy Fuel Oil



OUTFLOW  
TO THE U.S.  
**140,000**  
BPD

## Marathon Petroleum Robinson, IL



EMPLOYEES &  
CONTRACTORS  
**650**



INFLOW  
FROM CANADA  
**238,000**  
BPD



REFINERY PRODUCTS  
Gasoline, Distillates,  
Natural Gas Liquids  
and Petrochemicals,  
Propane, Heavy Fuel Oil



OUTFLOW  
TO THE U.S.  
**252,000**  
BPD

**From:** Farrell, Carolyn  
**Sent:** Mon, 10 Feb 2025 19:03:25 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
**Cc:** Hrkman, Lou (Louis)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] American Gas Association Letter to Secretary Wright  
**Attachments:** Letter to Secretary Wright\_AGA 2025.pdf

Alex –

Attached please find a letter from Karen Harbert, President and CEO of the American Gas Association to Secretary Wright. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you or your staff have any questions.

Best,  
Carolyn Farrell

**Carolyn Farrell | Manager, President's Office**  
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The American Gas Association represents more than 200 local energy companies committed to the safe and reliable delivery of clean natural gas to more than 74 million customers throughout the nation.

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February 10, 2025

The Honorable Chris Wright  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20024

**Re: Congratulations and Request for Introductory Meeting**

Dear Secretary Wright:

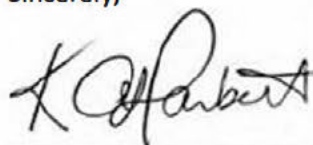
As President and CEO of the American Gas Association (“AGA”) and a DOE alumna, I would like to congratulate you on your confirmation and swearing-in as DOE Secretary. AGA and DOE have a long history of working together to maintain consumer access to clean, affordable natural gas and leverage our collective expertise to design programs and initiatives to advance our nation’s energy security. On behalf of our members and staff, AGA looks forward to working with you and your team to advance our shared energy priorities.

AGA represents more than 200 local energy companies committed to the safe and reliable delivery of clean natural gas to more than 189 million Americans and 5.8 million businesses in all fifty states. There are more than 79 million residential, commercial, and industrial natural gas customers in the United States, of which 94 percent—more than 74 million customers—receive their gas from AGA members. Today, natural gas meets more than one third of energy needs within the United States. Natural gas has been and will continue to be the cornerstone of America’s economy and energy independence.

Our industry is committed to investing, building, and innovating for the families and businesses who depend on us every minute of every day. We were pleased to see the inclusion of a complete review of DOE’s appliance standards program in your nine-point plan - AGA’s members serve residential and commercial consumers, the majority of whom use natural gas appliances, such as furnaces and water heaters. We also welcome your focus on permitting reform, which is one of our industry’s highest priorities. Additionally, as AGA members provide service to federal buildings, including Department of Defense installations, AGA has an interest in the government’s rules and policies that would remove or limit natural gas in federal facilities such as DOE’s *Clean Energy for New Federal Buildings and Major Renovations of Federal Buildings* rule.

I would like to request a meeting on behalf of our Board Chair, Lloyd Yates, President & CEO, NiSource and me, to introduce AGA and outline our top issues for the department. Mr. Yates will be in town on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and has availability for meetings. If your staff has any questions, please contact Carolyn Farrell, Manager, President’s Office at [cfarrell@aga.org](mailto:cfarrell@aga.org) or (b) (6).

Sincerely,



Karen Harbert  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
American Gas Association

Cc: Alex Fitzsimmons, Chief of Staff  
Louis Hrkman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

**From:** Lamanna, Isabelle  
**Sent:** Sun, 23 Feb 2025 19:01:12 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Sylvester Lukis  
**Cc:** Brian Ballard; Lem Smith; Hebert, Ashley  
**Subject:** RE: Mike Wirth, CEO Chevron

Hi Syl!

My apologies for the double email, but it looks like Michael from your team already reached out and sent over the forms.

Our team will review them and get back to y'all as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Izzy

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**From:** Lamanna, Isabelle  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 23, 2025 1:41 PM  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <[alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov](mailto:alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov)>; Sylvester Lukis <[syl@ballardpartners.com](mailto:syl@ballardpartners.com)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Mike Wirth, CEO Chevron

Hi Syl!

It is great to e meet you! I hope you are having a great weekend.

Thank you very much for reaching out and your interest in setting up a meeting with Sec. Wright.

If you could please fill out the attached meeting request form with a few more details and send it back to us at your earliest convenience, that would be great.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of your weekend.

Izzy

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**From:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <[alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov](mailto:alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov)>  
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**To:** Sylvester Lukis <[syl@ballardpartners.com](mailto:syl@ballardpartners.com)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Mike Wirth, CEO Chevron

Hi Syl, looping in the Secretary's scheduling team to assist.

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**From:** Sylvester Lukis <[syl@ballardpartners.com](mailto:syl@ballardpartners.com)>  
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**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <[alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov](mailto:alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Cc:** Brian Ballard <[ballard@ballardpartners.com](mailto:ballard@ballardpartners.com)>; Lem Smith <[lem.smith@chevron.com](mailto:lem.smith@chevron.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mike Wirth, CEO Chevron

Alex, hope you are well. Mike Wirth, Chevron's CEO, will be in DC on March 18 and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to meet with Secretary Wright. Can you please let us know if he is available then. Thanks so much for your help.

All the Best,

Syl Lukis  
Senior Partner  
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**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Turenne, Bill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: Invitation | Chevron Reception at CERAWeek, March 10  
**Attachments:** 2025 Chevron Reception at CERAWeek Invitation\_.pdf  
**Importance:** High

All: I am sending a follow-up email to ensure receipt of the invite as I received a bounce back notification. -Mariana

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**From:** Sanchez Ramirez, Mariana  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2025 10:16 AM  
**To:** 'Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov.' <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov.>  
**Cc:** 'Alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov' <Alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Turenne, Bill <Bill.Turenne@chevron.com>  
**Subject:** Invitation | Chevron Reception at CERAWeek, March 10  
**Importance:** High

Isabelle, good morning.

Chevron invites Secretary Wright to join us Monday, March 10 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM CT at the Chevron Lounge in GRB 350F for a private reception.

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You are invited to join  
**Chevron**  
at our CERAWeek Reception

**Date:** Monday, March 10, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 PM (CT)

**Location:** GRB Chevron Lounge 350F

Please RSVP to  
[marianasanchezramirez@chevron.com](mailto:marianasanchezramirez@chevron.com)

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To RSVP, please reply directly to this email.

Best,  
Mariana

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**From:** Vlasaty, Andrew  
**Sent:** Thu, 17 Apr 2025 17:30:51 +0000  
**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle; Hebert, Ashley  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander; McGregor, Ruby  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: bp Meeting Request on behalf of CEO Murray Auchincloss - May 27 or 29

Hi Izzy,

Thank you so much for the quick response. Let me take back those dates of Secretary Wright's availability in June, and I'll follow back up if anything might work for Murray. He's in DC those days in May for our board meeting so will pass along some events we are having that week.

Greatly appreciate you sharing the meeting request form for future use!

Thanks,  
Andrew

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**From:** Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 16, 2025 1:56 PM  
**To:** Vlasaty, Andrew <andrew.vlasaty@bp.com>; Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; McGregor, Ruby <ruby.mcgregor@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: bp Meeting Request on behalf of CEO Murray Auchincloss - May 27 or 29

Hi Andrew!

I hope you are doing well and having a great week. Thank you very much for reaching out and your interest in setting up a meeting with Sec. Wright and Murray!

Unfortunately, Sec Wright will be out of own the entire week of the 26<sup>th</sup> of May. He does have some availability starting June 9<sup>th</sup>!

If you could please fill out the attached meeting request form with a few more details and some possible dates in June if that would be of interest, that would be great.

Thanks so much and have a great rest of your day.

Izzy

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**From:** Vlasaty, Andrew <[andrew.vlasaty@bp.com](mailto:andrew.vlasaty@bp.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 3:02 PM  
**To:** Hebert, Ashley <[ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov)>; Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>

Cc: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] bp Meeting Request on behalf of CEO Murray Auchincloss - May 27 or 29

Good afternoon.

BP's CEO, Murray Auchincloss, will be in DC at the end of May and would like the opportunity to meet with Secretary Wright to talk about BP's investments in America and activities globally.

Murray will be available during the following time blocks:

- May 27: 1pm – 6pm
- May 29: 11am – 2pm

I will be grateful if we can schedule a meeting for Murray with Secretary Wright during one of those times.

**Biography for Murray Auchincloss:**

- As bp's CEO, appointed January 2024, Murray leads bp's strategy – to drive improved performance, aimed at growing free cash flow, returns and long-term shareholder value.
- Murray joined Amoco in 1992 and then bp when the two companies merged in 1998. He has held senior roles in finance and management – across Tax, Business Development, Mergers and Acquisitions and Performance Management.
- Murray was chief of staff to the bp CEO from 2010 to 2013. Most recently he has been bp's chief financial officer and a member of the board of directors. As CFO, Murray led a major modernization drive in bp finance, including building the financial frame on which bp's strategy rests.
- Murray has extensive experience and knowledge of the energy sector. He provides a deep insight into bp's assets and businesses through broad experience across the group, extensive financial expertise and experience.
- Murray has made great strides in modernizing bp's financial teams, controlling costs and continuing to deliver transparent financial disclosures to investors and markets.
- He has a degree in commerce from the University of Calgary, Canada, and qualified as a chartered financial analyst at the University of West Virginia, US.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

**Andrew Vlasaty**

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**Sent:** Mon, 10 Mar 2025 17:07:45 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Sanchez Ramirez, Mariana  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Invitation | Chevron Reception at CERAWeek, March 10

You are more than welcome, Alex. I'll let Karen know to expect you!

**Bill Turenne**  
Manager, Global Media Relations  
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**From:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>  
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**To:** Sanchez Ramirez, Mariana <marianasanchezramirez@chevron.com>  
**Cc:** Turenne, Bill <Bill.Turenne@chevron.com>  
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Hi Mariana, I am happy to attend the reception tonight, if you're amenable.

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**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Invitation | Chevron Reception at CERAWeek, March 10

Izzy, hello!

I appreciate your prompt response to our invitation for the Secretary.

Absolutely, we understand that he has prior commitments and look forward to hosting him at another opportunity.

Best,  
Mariana

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**From:** Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2025 12:41 PM  
**To:** Sanchez Ramirez, Mariana <marianasanchezramirez@chevron.com>  
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Good morning, Mariana!

Thank you so much for following up and my apologies if we missed your invitation earlier! I hope your start to CERAWeek is going great.

We really appreciate the invitation for the Secretary to join you. Unfortunately, he already has prior commitments tonight and he will be unable to join.

Thank you again for the invite and I hope the rest of your week goes great.

Izzy

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**From:** Sanchez Ramirez, Mariana <marianasanchezramirez@chevron.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2025 10:22 AM  
**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Turenne, Bill <Bill.Turenne@chevron.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: Invitation | Chevron Reception at CERAWeek, March 10  
**Importance:** High

All: I am sending a follow-up email to ensure receipt of the invite as I received a bounce back notification. -Mariana

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**From:** Sanchez Ramirez, Mariana  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2025 10:16 AM  
**To:** 'Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov.' <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov.>  
**Cc:** 'Alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov' <Alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Turenne, Bill <Bill.Turenne@chevron.com>  
**Subject:** Invitation | Chevron Reception at CERAWeek, March 10  
**Importance:** High

Isabelle, good morning.

Chevron invites Secretary Wright to join us Monday, March 10 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM CT at the Chevron Lounge in GRB 350F for a private reception.



You are invited to join  
**Chevron**  
at our CERAWeek Reception

**Date:** Monday, March 10, 2025  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 PM (CT)  
**Location:** GRB Chevron Lounge 350F

Please RSVP to  
[marianasanchezramirez@chevron.com](mailto:marianasanchezramirez@chevron.com)

*This invitation is non-transferable*



*Attendance at this event may be subject to federal, state or local gift rules for U.S. public officials as food and drinks will be provided. Please consult counsel prior to accepting the invitation.*

To RSVP, please reply directly to this email.

Best,  
Mariana

**Mariana Sánchez Ramírez**  
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**From:** Kristin A. Westmoreland  
**Sent:** Tue, 4 Feb 2025 17:52:19 +0000  
**To:** Hebert, Ashley; Jack Cramton  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Tyler Cianciotti; Lamanna, Isabelle  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- March 20th

Thank you, Ashely! We will complete the from and circle back asap. All the best, Kristin

**Kristin Westmoreland**

Chief of Staff and Vice President, Membership and Events

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**From:** Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 12:36 PM  
**To:** Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Kristin A. Westmoreland <WestmorelandK@api.org>; Tyler Cianciotti <CianciottiT@api.org>; Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- March 20th

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Good afternoon, Jack –

Thanks for reaching out and for this invitation! It's great to be in touch. At your earliest convenience, please complete one of the attached request forms for consideration (please note the Event Form is for more of a formal remarks/speaking role while the Meeting Request is for more of an active participatory role in a meeting, based on what you're looking for him to do). Once returned, we will review with the Secretary and get back to you soon.

I'm also pleased to loop in and introduce you to our Director of Scheduling, Izzy Lamanna.

Warm regards,

Ashley

**Ashley Hébert**

Director of Scheduling & Advance  
Office of the Secretary | U.S. Department of Energy  
Office: (b) (6)  
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**From:** Jack Cramton <[CramtonJ@api.org](mailto:CramtonJ@api.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 9:50 AM  
**To:** Hebert, Ashley <[ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <[alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov](mailto:alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov)>; Kristin A. Westmoreland <[WestmorelandK@api.org](mailto:WestmorelandK@api.org)>; Tyler Cianciotti <[CianciottiT@api.org](mailto:CianciottiT@api.org)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] API Invitation for Secretary Wright- March 20th

Ashley,

Please find attached an invitation for Secretary Wright to speak to API's Board of Directors on March 20, 2025 in Washington, D.C.

Additionally, please see attached a roster of our Board of Directors. We would love it if the Secretary could join us in March.

Let me know if you have any questions at all.

Best,

**Jack Cramton**

Vice President  
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**From:** Turenne, Bill  
**Sent:** Sun, 9 Mar 2025 14:33:56 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Hey Fitz!

Sounds good. I'm on the 2:45 united flight to IAH. Free until then

**Bill Turenne**  
Manager, Global Media Relations  
[Bill.Turenne@chevron.com](mailto:Bill.Turenne@chevron.com)

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**From:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:25:49 AM  
**To:** Turenne, Bill <Bill.Turenne@chevron.com>  
**Subject:** [**\*\*EXTERNAL\*\***] Re: Hey Fitz!

Hey Bill, yeah we have an awesome team. Really happy with how things are going. I can give you a call today before I get to Houston.

**From:** Turenne, Bill <Bill.Turenne@chevron.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:39 AM  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hey Fitz!

Congrats!

Been in touch with Andrea. Sounds like you're building one hell of a team!

Wanted to chat briefly about Monday at CERA if you have a moment to call today. I'm free on my work cell (below) or personal (b) (6) at your convenience.

Looking forward to seeing you in Houston!

Bill

**Bill Turenne**  
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**From:** Aaron Ringel  
**Sent:** Mon, 3 Feb 2025 16:43:17 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] AFPM meeting request for Secretary Wright  
**Attachments:** AFPM Meeting Request Letter to Secretary Wright.pdf

Alex,

It was great connecting with you last week! Following up on our conversation I wanted to pass along the attached meeting request letter from AFPM CEO Chet Thompson to Secretary Wright.

Understanding the Secretary's busy schedule, we stand ready to work with your staff to set up a time for them to meet at your earliest convenience. I'm looping in Chet's Executive Assistant Sofia Tran as well. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,  
Aaron

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Aaron Ringel  
Vice President  
Government Relations

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February 3, 2025

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

Secretary Wright,

Congratulations on your recent confirmation as Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE). On behalf of the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM), we are confident that your leadership will bring a fresh perspective to the agency, further advancing our nation's success and energy independence. We would welcome a chance to meet with you to discuss in more detail AFPM's priorities.

AFPM is the leading trade association representing the U.S. fuel refining industry, which supplies gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, sustainable aviation fuel, and renewable diesel around the country and the world; the petrochemical industry, which manufactures the essential building blocks for modern life; and the midstream energy industry, which makes it possible to transport energy feedstocks and products where they need to go. Our companies support nearly 3 million high-quality U.S. jobs and have facilities in more than 30 states.

I hope that your schedule permits you to accept our invitation to meet. Please feel free to contact Aaron Ringel ([aringel@afpm.org](mailto:aringel@afpm.org)) on our staff if you have any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Chet Thompson  
President and CEO  
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers

**From:** Ellis, Joe  
**Sent:** Mon, 7 Apr 2025 17:26:04 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Invitations for Secretary Wright

Hi, Alex. I hope you're doing well.

Our CEO would like to request a meeting with Secretary Wright and also invite the Secretary to an event.

We want to be sure we know how best to get those items into consideration.

In addition to copying you, is there a scheduler or other email address to which we should send the request and invitation?

Much appreciation for your help!

Joe Ellis  
BP America

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**From:** Jack Cramton  
**Sent:** Tue, 4 Feb 2025 14:49:38 +0000  
**To:** Hebert, Ashley  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Kristin A. Westmoreland; Tyler Cianciotti  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] API Invitation for Secretary Wright- March 20th  
**Attachments:** API\_Secretary Wright Invite 2025-02-04.pdf, 2025 API Board of Directors.pdf

Ashley,

Please find attached an invitation for Secretary Wright to speak to API's Board of Directors on March 20, 2025 in Washington, D.C.

Additionally, please see attached a roster of our Board of Directors. We would love it if the Secretary could join us in March.

Let me know if you have any questions at all.

Best,

**Jack Cramton**  
Vice President  
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Mike Sommers  
President and CEO  
API  
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February 4, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Wright,

Under President Donald Trump's and your leadership, our country has an incredible opportunity to secure energy dominance. With that in mind, I would like to invite you to join the API Board of Directors during their March Board Meeting, on March 20, 2025 in Washington, DC.

API's Board of Directors brings together chief executives from across the oil and natural gas industry. Our members would greatly appreciate the opportunity for a discussion with you on the Administration's efforts to restore energy leadership. Please find the API Board of Directors roster enclosed.

Jack Cramton, Vice President of Federal Relations, will follow-up with your office to facilitate your participation. In the meantime, please reach out with any questions.

I hope you can join us in March.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Sommers', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Enclosure



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**From:** Boshwit, Jeremy  
**Sent:** Fri, 4 Apr 2025 15:44:20 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
**Cc:** Leahy, Michael  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Meeting Request: Austin Knight, VP of Hydrogen, Chevron New Energies  
**Attachments:** Austin Knight - Bio.pdf

Good morning Alex –

I am kindly requesting an opportunity for Chevron New Energies' VP of Hydrogen, Austin Knight, to have a meeting with you next week to discuss our hydrogen business and current projects.

Chevron is increasing our production of American oil and gas, as well as investing to scale new American energy industries, including powering AI data centers and developing advanced geothermal, CCUS, and hydrogen.

For hydrogen, Chevron is seeking to make large investments in producing hydrogen from abundant natural gas. In addition to supplying domestic manufacturing and heavy-duty transport, there is a key export opportunity for hydrogen from the U.S. Gulf Coast. America can dominate this future export market, just like we do with natural gas now that the Trump Administration has lifted the 'pause' on American LNG.

We greatly appreciate the President and Sec. Wright's leadership on energy and look forward to discussing how Chevron can support the Administration's energy dominance agenda.

Below is our availability next week.

- Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 – 10:30 AM; 11:15 AM – 3:30 PM; 5:30 – 6:00 PM
- Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: 9:15 AM – 3:00 PM

I have attached Austin's bio for additional information.

Please let me know if any of these times work for you. Thank you in advance for considering this request.

Best,  
Jeremy

**Jeremy Boshwit**  
Federal Government Affairs

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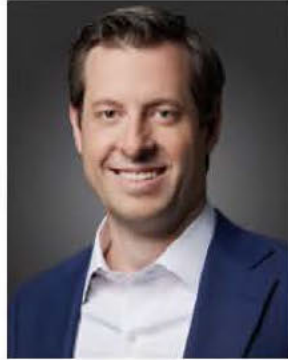
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## biographical information



**Austin Knight**  
**Vice President, Hydrogen, Chevron New Energies**

Austin Knight assumed the position of vice president of hydrogen for Chevron New Energies in February 2022. In this role, he will be responsible for accelerating Chevron's lower carbon business prospects, including the commercialization of our hydrogen business opportunities.

He previously served as the vice president, Large Industries World Business Line for Air Liquide, a world leader in industrial gases, supplying over 400 global customers with oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen and syngas. Addressing climate and energy transition needs for a sustainable future in industrial supply chains through hydrogen, carbon capture and renewable electricity have been a strong emphasis of his work. In this last role he led the global vision, customer experience, industrial strategy, energy management and technical roadmap activities for supply of industrial gases to major chemical producers, refineries and steel manufacturers. In his roles with Air Liquide, Austin also led the hydrogen business for a number of years, with demonstrated experience in production units, purification plants, storage facilities and pipeline infrastructure for hydrogen transport. Prior to joining Air Liquide in 2007, he was a lead electrical engineer at Fluor, a leading global engineering, procurement and construction firm.

Austin holds a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from Texas A&M University and a Master of Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business. Austin and his family – who have relocated back to Houston from Frankfurt – are lovers of the great outdoors and enjoy participating in a variety of faith-based service programs and activities.

**From:** Lamanna, Isabelle  
**Sent:** Wed, 16 Apr 2025 17:55:33 +0000  
**To:** Vlasaty, Andrew; Hebert, Ashley  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Mcgregor, Ruby  
**Subject:** RE: bp Meeting Request on behalf of CEO Murray Auchincloss - May 27 or 29  
**Attachments:** Sec. Chris Wright\_Meeting Request Form.docx

Hi Andrew!

I hope you are doing well and having a great week. Thank you very much for reaching out and your interest in setting up a meeting with Sec. Wright and Murray!

Unfortunately, Sec Wright will be out of own the entire week of the 26<sup>th</sup> of May. He does have some availability starting June 9<sup>th</sup>!

If you could please fill out the attached meeting request form with a few more details and some possible dates in June if that would be of interest, that would be great.

Thanks so much and have a great rest of your day.

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**From:** Vlasaty, Andrew <andrew.vlasaty@bp.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 3:02 PM  
**To:** Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] bp Meeting Request on behalf of CEO Murray Auchincloss - May 27 or 29

Good afternoon.

BP's CEO, Murray Auchincloss, will be in DC at the end of May and would like the opportunity to meet with Secretary Wright to talk about BP's investments in America and activities globally.

Murray will be available during the following time blocks:

- May 27: 1pm – 6pm
- May 29: 11am – 2pm

I will be grateful if we can schedule a meeting for Murray with Secretary Wright during one of those times.

**Biography for Murray Auchincloss:**

- As bp's CEO, appointed January 2024, Murray leads bp's strategy – to drive improved performance, aimed at growing free cash flow, returns and long-term shareholder value.
- Murray joined Amoco in 1992 and then bp when the two companies merged in 1998. He has held senior roles in finance and management – across Tax, Business Development, Mergers and Acquisitions and Performance Management.
- Murray was chief of staff to the bp CEO from 2010 to 2013. Most recently he has been bp's chief financial officer and a member of the board of directors. As CFO, Murray led a major modernization drive in bp finance, including building the financial frame on which bp's strategy rests.
- Murray has extensive experience and knowledge of the energy sector. He provides a deep insight into bp's assets and businesses through broad experience across the group, extensive financial expertise and experience.
- Murray has made great strides in modernizing bp's financial teams, controlling costs and continuing to deliver transparent financial disclosures to investors and markets.
- He has a degree in commerce from the University of Calgary, Canada, and qualified as a chartered financial analyst at the University of West Virginia, US.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

**Andrew Vlasaty**  
Senior Federal Government Affairs Manager  
bp America Inc.

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# Meeting Information Request Form

Thank you for your interest in meeting with U.S. Secretary of Energy. To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of Energy is meeting with you on a given matter and because the Office of the Secretary is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards, we need the information requested below before we can agree to schedule a meeting<sup>1</sup>.

**Please respond to the questions below and send your response to (b)(6) - Secretary Wright.** If you have any questions you may contact the Secretary’s Scheduling Office at (b) (6)

Requesting individual/organization: (Please identify the person(s) (name and affiliation) requesting the meeting, including any background information on the affiliated organization(s).)	
Contact information (Name, Email, Phone):	
Please describe the action sought from the Office of the Secretary:	
Meeting date (if date is flexible please indicate the range):  Please explain any time sensitivity that impacts the date of the meeting, such as court-ordered or statutory deadline:	
Proposed meeting location (City, State/Country):	
Describe the proposed meeting topic/ agenda, provide available briefing materials, and identify desired outcome(s):	
Expected meeting participants (name, title, and organizational affiliation):	
Are any expected meeting participants registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	
Are any expected meeting participants a partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political	

<p>action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)</p>	
<p>Do any expected meeting participants seek or currently have any business interests with the Department of Energy such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please identify.)</p>	
<p>Will the meeting involve legislation, broad policy options, or other general matters that involve a large and diverse range of persons and interests? (If yes, please describe.)</p>	
<p>Will the meeting involve regulations, rules, or other matters that impact a specific industry, sector of the economy, or group of persons? (If yes, please describe.)</p>	
<p>If any gifts (e.g., meals or refreshments, mementos or tokens of appreciation, transportation, etc.) will be offered to the Secretary, please describe and provide their monetary value.</p>	
<p>If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?</p>	
<p>Any additional notes or information?</p>	

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**From:** Amy Reed  
**Sent:** Wed, 19 Feb 2025 09:12:27 -0500  
**To:** Korzh, Yuliya (CONTR)  
**Cc:** Katie Christian  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] ClearPath Introduction to Secretary Wright

Hi Yuliya,

Removing Secretary Wright's team from this thread and will email them separately for a meeting with Secretary Wright. Moving Jeremy and Alex to bcc.

Can Friday, 2/21 work at any of these times for Alex and Jeremy to touch base this week?  
930-10am ET  
130-2pmET or 2-2:30pm ET

Thank you!  
Best,

**Amy Reed**  
Executive Assistant  
[reed@clearpath.org](mailto:reed@clearpath.org)  
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On Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 5:46 PM Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
<[alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov](mailto:alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Jeremy. Adding the Secretary's scheduling team to assist.

In the interim, we should connect separately later this week. Yuliya (ccd) can find time.

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**From:** Jeremy Harrell <[harrell@clearpath.org](mailto:harrell@clearpath.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2025 12:01 PM  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <[alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov](mailto:alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Cc:** Amy Reed <[reed@clearpath.org](mailto:reed@clearpath.org)>; Katie Christian <[christian@clearpath.org](mailto:christian@clearpath.org)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ClearPath Introduction to Secretary Wright

Alex,

Happy Tuesday, hope you had a nice weekend. I wanted to reach out about a possible ClearPath introduction to the Secretary to discuss mutual innovation goals. We fully recognize the team is just settling in and this meeting is not a national security-related matter. We wanted to make sure to get into the queue once the Secretary is taking external meetings.

One option to put out there if a DC meeting doesn't work in the next month or so. Lisa, Katie and I will be out at CERA week March 10th-12th if that works better for his schedule. I saw he'll be speaking at the main event.

Appreciate the consideration. Hope you are well!

Best,  
Jeremy

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**From:** Leahy, Michael  
**Sent:** Tue, 11 Feb 2025 18:50:48 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting Request with Mike Wirth, Chevron Chair and CEO  
March 18 2025

Hi Alex. Thanks again for your rapid reply on Chevron CEO's meeting request with Secretary Wright.

I am sure you're completely slammed over there at Forrestal. Would you have 2 minutes (or less) for a very quick clarification call by chance?

All the best,  
Michael

**Michael B. Leahy**  
Manager, Federal & International Government Affairs  
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**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2025 7:09 PM  
**To:** Wery Garcia, Michael <michaelwery@chevron.com>  
**Cc:** Knutson, Karen <karenknutson@chevron.com>; Thompson, Jay <ThompsonJR@chevron.com>; Leahy, Michael <MLeahy@chevron.com>  
**Subject:** [**\*\*EXTERNAL\*\***] Re: Meeting Request with Mike Wirth, Chevron Chair and CEO March 18 2025

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Thank you, Michael. I have passed along the invite to the scheduling team for consideration. We will follow up soon.

Best,

Alex

*Alexander N. Fitzsimmons*  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy

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Mr. Wirth would appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Secretary to discuss the current geopolitical energy landscape, provide an overview of Chevron's current operations and discuss our perspectives on – and commitment to – furthering lower carbon energy solutions.

Please let me know if there is a time convenient for the Secretary on March 18 to connect with Mr. Wirth in person. Also, Mr. Wirth will be attending CERA Week in Houston the week of March 10 and would welcome the opportunity to meet with Sec. Wright there should he be attending as well.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Thanks so much,

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**From:** Hebert, Ashley  
**Sent:** Wed, 9 Apr 2025 18:38:47 +0000  
**To:** Jack Cramton  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Kristin A. Westmoreland; Tyler Cianciotti; Kristin Whitman; Lamanna, Isabelle; McGregor, Ruby  
**Subject:** RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- June 4th  
**Attachments:** API Invite\_Secretary Wright.pdf, 2025 API EC 03 26 2025.pdf

Hi Jack,

Thanks for reaching out and for the invitation! I'm looping in our Director of Scheduling, Izzy Lamanna, and Ruby McGregor to carry this request forward. In an attempt to be transparent, as of now the Secretary will likely be on official travel on June 4<sup>th</sup>. We will review nonetheless in case his travel schedule shifts, but please let us know if you would be interested in a surrogate.

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**From:** Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 9, 2025 1:23 PM  
**To:** Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Kristin A. Westmoreland <WestmorelandK@api.org>; Tyler Cianciotti <CianciottiT@api.org>; Kristin Whitman <WhitmanK@api.org>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] API Invitation for Secretary Wright- June 4th

Ashley,

Please find attached an invitation for Secretary Wright to speak to API's Executive Committee on June 4, 2025, in Washington, D.C.

Additionally, please see attached a roster of our Executive Committee. We would love it if the Secretary could join us in June.

Let me know if you have any questions at all.

Best,

**Jack Cramton**

Vice President

Federal Relations

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Mike Sommers  
President and CEO  
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April 9, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Wright,

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute (API), I would like to invite you to join our Executive Committee for an off-the-record discussion on Wednesday, June 4, at a time convenient for your schedule between 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. at API's Headquarters (200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW).

API's Executive Committee brings together the chief executives from the United States' most prominent oil and natural gas companies. The Committee would welcome the opportunity to discuss the Administration's decisive actions thus far to secure America's energy leadership and continued efforts to meet the energy dominance agenda. Enclosed is the current API Executive Committee roster.

Jack Cramton, Vice President of Federal Relations, will follow up with your office to facilitate your participation. In the meantime, please reach out with any questions.

I hope you can join us in June.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Sommers', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Enclosure



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## 2025 API Executive Committee

### Chairman

**Mr. John B. Hess**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hess Corporation

### Members

**Mr. Orlando Alvarez**  
Chairman and President  
bp America, Inc.

**Mr. John Christmann**  
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**Mr. Gregory L. Ebel**  
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Enbridge Inc.

**Ms. Vicki Hollub**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Occidental

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**Mr. Mike Sommers**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
American Petroleum Institute

**From:** Wery Garcia, Michael  
**Sent:** Fri, 21 Feb 2025 15:47:13 +0000  
**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Hebert, Ashley; Leahy, Michael; Thompson, Jay; Knutson, Karen  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting Request with Mike Wirth, Chevron Chair and CEO March 18 2025  
**Attachments:** Sec. Chris Wright\_Meeting Request Form.docx, MKW-Secretary Chris Wright Meeting Request 2025 March.pdf, Mike Wirth Bio 10.2024 1.pdf

Hi Izzy – Please find attached the meeting request form per your instructions. We look forward to confirming a time for Mike and Sec. Wright to connect in Houston or in DC.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions for us.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Wery Garcia, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025 9:16 AM  
**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; Leahy, Michael <MLEahy@chevron.com>; Thompson, Jay <ThompsonJR@chevron.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [\*\*EXTERNAL\*\*] RE: Meeting Request with Mike Wirth, Chevron Chair and CEO March 18 2025

Thank you Izzy! We will get this form filled out and returned to you asap.

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**From:** Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2025 3:48 PM  
**To:** Wery Garcia, Michael <michaelwery@chevron.com>  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>  
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Good afternoon, Michael!

I hope you are having a great week; it is great to e-meet you.

Please pass along a thank you to Mr. Wirth for his interest and outreach to set up a meeting. Secretary Wright will be attending CERAWeek, and we are in the process of solidifying his schedule for that. When it comes to a meeting in person at the DOE, please have the appropriate member of your team fill out the attached meeting request form and return it to myself and (b)(6) - Secretary Wright for our records.

Since we are coming from the Private Sector, these will be run through ethics so please be sure to include the topics of discussion listed below as well as any attendees that would be joining Mr. Wirth!

We look forward to hearing from you. Have a great rest of your week.

Izzy

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Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Thanks so much,  
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# Meeting Information Request Form

Thank you for your interest in meeting with U.S. Secretary of Energy. To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of Energy is meeting with you on a given matter and because the Office of the Secretary is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards, we need the information requested below before we can agree to schedule a meeting<sup>1</sup>.

**Please respond to the questions below and send your response to (b)(6) - Sec. Wright**

If you have any questions you may contact the Secretary’s Scheduling Office at (b) (6)

Requesting individual/organization: (Please identify the person(s) (name and affiliation) requesting the meeting, including any background information on the affiliated organization(s).)	MIKE WIRTH, CEO AND CHAIRMAN OF CHEVRON USA INC.
Contact information (Name, Email, Phone):	Assistant: Michael Wery Garcia, <a href="mailto:michaelwery@chevron.com">michaelwery@chevron.com</a> , (b) (6)
Please describe the action sought from the Office of the Secretary:	
Meeting date (if date is flexible please indicate the range):  Please explain any time sensitivity that impacts the date of the meeting, such as court-ordered or statutory deadline:	March 10-12 (CERAWeek)  Or  March 18 (DC)
Proposed meeting location (City, State/Country):	Houston (March 10-12) or Washington DC (March 18)
Describe the proposed meeting topic/ agenda, provide available briefing materials, and identify desired outcome(s):	Brief Secretary Wright on current geopolitical energy landscape, provide an overview of Chevron’s operations and discuss our perspectives on furthering lower carbon solutions.
Expected meeting participants (name, title, and organizational affiliation):	Mike Wirth, CEO and Chairman, Chevron USA Inc. Karen Knutson, Vice President of Government Affairs, Chevron USA Inc.
Are any expected meeting participants registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	Yes, Karen Knutson is a registered lobbyist
Are any expected meeting participants a	No

partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)	
Do any expected meeting participants seek or currently have any business interests with the Department of Energy such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please identify.)	
Will the meeting involve legislation, broad policy options, or other general matters that involve a large and diverse range of persons and interests? (If yes, please describe.)	Yes, discussion on the President's initiative for U.S. energy dominance.
Will the meeting involve regulations, rules, or other matters that impact a specific industry, sector of the economy, or group of persons? (If yes, please describe.)	
If any gifts (e.g., meals or refreshments, mementos or tokens of appreciation, transportation, etc.) will be offered to the Secretary, please describe and provide their monetary value.	No
If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?	No
Any additional notes or information?	



**Karen Y. Knutson**  
Vice President & General Manager of Government Affairs

February 10, 2025

**Via E-mail/Facsimile:**

The Honorable Christopher Wright  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Wright:

I am writing to request a meeting in Washington DC on behalf of Mike Wirth, Chevron Chairman and CEO.

Mr. Wirth will be in Washington DC March 18 and would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the current geopolitical energy landscape, provide an overview of Chevron's operations and discuss our perspectives on – and commitment to – furthering lower carbon energy solutions.

Also, Mr. Wirth will be attending CERA Week in Houston earlier in March and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you there should you be attending as well.

Mr. Michael Wery Garcia will be in contact with your office to see if a meeting is possible. Also, he can be reached at (b) (6) or [michaelwery@chevron.com](mailto:michaelwery@chevron.com). Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



## biographical information



**Michael K. Wirth**  
**Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer**

Michael K. (Mike) Wirth, 64, has been chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Chevron Corporation since 2018.

Wirth served as vice chairman of the board in 2017, and as executive vice president of Midstream & Development from 2016 to 2018, where he was responsible for the shipping, supply and trading, and pipeline and power operating units, as well as for Chevron's strategy, business development, and corporate affairs.

Previously, Wirth was executive vice president of Downstream & Chemicals from 2006 to 2015 and president of Global Supply and Trading from 2003 to 2006. He joined Chevron as a design engineer in 1982 and holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Colorado.

Wirth serves on the board of directors of the American Petroleum Institute, Catalyst and the National Football Foundation, and is a member of the National Petroleum Council, the Business Roundtable, the World Economic Forum International Business Council, the American Heart Association CEO Roundtable, The Business Council, and the American Society of Corporate Executives.

**From:** Plowfield, Carole  
**Sent:** Thu, 13 Mar 2025 16:33:02 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congratulations!! And Speaker for ARPA\_E Summit

Hi, Alex!

Congratulations on being named COS for Secretary Wright, it is so exciting and so well-deserved!!

It's also nice to see so many from our old team back there, Secretary Wright is fortunate to have you all with your experience on how things work there.

I was planning to reach out to you when the dust settled a bit, I know how busy transitions are in the first 100 days, but was contacted this morning about the ARPA-E Summit next week, and your name was mentioned, so now seemed like a good time – see an excerpt of a message I sent below internally looking for an EPRI speaker for you:

This just came in this morning, a request for Arshad or another EPRI speaker on AI to be considered by the Secretary speak at DOE's ARPA-E Summit next week, (ARPA-e is hosting its annual Energy Innovation Summit next week (17-19 MAR) at the Gaylord Resort in National Harbor, MD.) link to Summit webpage is below. They are still looking to fill a main stage panel position for Wednesday 19 MAR 9:00-10:00am.

Details of the panel follow:

Panel: Enabling an AI World

Potomac Ballroom/9:00-10:00 Wednesday 19 MAR/Gaylord National Harbor

As the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our society grows, so too must the infrastructure that empowers AI. Of particular importance is the critical increase in energy generation, transmission, and storage for power-hungry AI systems and the data centers that enable them. This session will feature players from across the AI power value chain discussing the challenges facing a growing AI society, the innovations needed to secure the energy demand, improve grid operations efficiency, increase reliability/resiliency/capacity, and how AI-centric world will look.

[Home - ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit](#)

The bottom line from the email trail is that Laura Schepis from NEMA introduced Chip Cotton, who is part of the leadership team at Xignux and GEProlec (makes Transformers in US and Mexico).

He is helping Secretary Wright and Alex Fitzsimmons build out a high-level ARPA-e event on AI and Energy next week.

They asked if we would be willing to talk with Chip about placing an EPRI speaker on the consideration list for the Secretary?

Laura said she knows Arshad's enthusiasm for this topic but also his travel schedule, and said he might be just what this event and the ongoing conversation need.

I asked Chip to schedule a call with me right away to get more details, but wanted to get a direct line started with you so things don't get lost in the communications, and actually couldn't wait to get started on working with you again!!

Looking forward to it,  
Carole

**Carole Plowfield**  
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**From:** Plowfield, Carole  
**Sent:** Thu, 10 Apr 2025 19:24:11 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Checking in

Hi again Alex,

I know you are crazy busy with everything going on over there right now, but wanted to check in again after I last touched base around the ARPA-E Summit.

It was nice to see a few folks there, and am hoping you are getting closer to being through the pause and review phase and ready to set up a few meetings with EPRI leadership to see how we can continue collaborating on DOE's efforts.

Should I be doing that through you or can you connect me with Secretary Wright's scheduler or another staff member so I don't bug you about it?!

Our CEO Arshad Mansoor is really looking forward to meeting the Secretary and discussing things he knows are priorities for him, including energy supply, nuclear, and AI. We have a new Open Power AI Consortium here at EPRI to develop datasets for the electric power industry we think will use technology to innovate in some really cutting edge ways we'd like to share with you.

I hope you are doing well, am so excited for you and other folks from the team who are back, so please let me know how I can be helpful!

Thanks,  
Carole

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**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle; Hebert, Ashley; Jack Cramton  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Tyler Cianciotti; Kristin Whitman; Mcgregor, Ruby  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- June 4th

Understood! Figured we would ask just in case.

Thanks,  
Kristin

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**From:** Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2025 11:19 AM  
**To:** Kristin A. Westmoreland <WestmorelandK@api.org>; Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; Jack Cramton <CramtonJ@api.org>  
**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>; Tyler Cianciotti <CianciottiT@api.org>; Kristin Whitman <WhitmanK@api.org>; Mcgregor, Ruby <ruby.mcgregor@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- June 4th

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Thanks so much for the invitation and extra info Kristin!

As Ashley mentioned, we are scheduled to be traveling during the first week of June, but I'll make sure to keep you posted if anything changes!

Thanks,

Izzy

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- June 4th

Hi Ashley –

We appreciate your quick response. The Executive Committee will have a dinner at API the evening beforehand (June 3). If the Secretary happens to be in town that evening, we would love for him to join us. Thank you for considering.

All the best,  
Kristin

**Kristin Westmoreland**

Chief of Staff and Vice President, Membership and Events

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 9, 2025 2:39 PM

**To:** Jack Cramton <[CramtonJ@api.org](mailto:CramtonJ@api.org)>

**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <[alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov](mailto:alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov)>; Kristin A. Westmoreland <[WestmorelandK@api.org](mailto:WestmorelandK@api.org)>; Tyler Cianciotti <[CianciottiT@api.org](mailto:CianciottiT@api.org)>; Kristin Whitman <[WhitmanK@api.org](mailto:WhitmanK@api.org)>; Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>; McGregor, Ruby <[ruby.mcgregor@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ruby.mcgregor@hq.doe.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: API Invitation for Secretary Wright- June 4th

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Hi Jack,

Thanks for reaching out and for the invitation! I'm looping in our Director of Scheduling, Izzy Lamanna, and Ruby McGregor to carry this request forward. In an attempt to be transparent, as of now the Secretary will likely be on official travel on June 4<sup>th</sup>. We will review nonetheless in case his travel schedule shifts, but please let us know if you would be interested in a surrogate.

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**From:** Jack Cramton <[CramtonJ@api.org](mailto:CramtonJ@api.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 9, 2025 1:23 PM

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**Cc:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <[alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov](mailto:alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov)>; Kristin A. Westmoreland

<[WestmorelandK@api.org](mailto:WestmorelandK@api.org)>; Tyler Cianciotti <[CianciottiT@api.org](mailto:CianciottiT@api.org)>; Kristin Whitman <[WhitmanK@api.org](mailto:WhitmanK@api.org)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] API Invitation for Secretary Wright- June 4th

Ashley,

Please find attached an invitation for Secretary Wright to speak to API's Executive Committee on June 4, 2025, in Washington, D.C.

Additionally, please see attached a roster of our Executive Committee. We would love it if the Secretary could join us in June.

Let me know if you have any questions at all.

Best,

**Jack Cramton**

Vice President

Federal Relations

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**From:** Turenne, Bill  
**Sent:** Sun, 9 Mar 2025 13:26:57 +0000  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Hey Fitz!

 **Turenne, Bill** reacted to your message:

**From:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 9, 2025 1:25:49 PM  
**To:** Turenne, Bill <Bill.Turenne@chevron.com>  
**Subject:** [\*\*EXTERNAL\*\*] Re: Hey Fitz!

Hey Bill, yeah we have an awesome team. Really happy with how things are going. I can give you a call today before I get to Houston.

**From:** Turenne, Bill <Bill.Turenne@chevron.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:39 AM  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hey Fitz!

Congrats!

Been in touch with Andrea. Sounds like you're building one hell of a team!

Wanted to chat briefly about Monday at CERA if you have a moment to call today. I'm free on my work cell (below) or personal (b) (6) at your convenience.

Looking forward to seeing you in Houston!

Bill

**Bill Turenne**  
Manager, Global Media Relations  
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**From:** Emily Johnson  
**Sent:** Wed, 12 Feb 2025 14:34:53 -0500  
**To:** Fitzsimmons, Alexander  
**Cc:** Jeremy Harrell; Katie Christian  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Invitation to join ClearPath and CEBA at CERAWeek Dinner – March 12, 2025

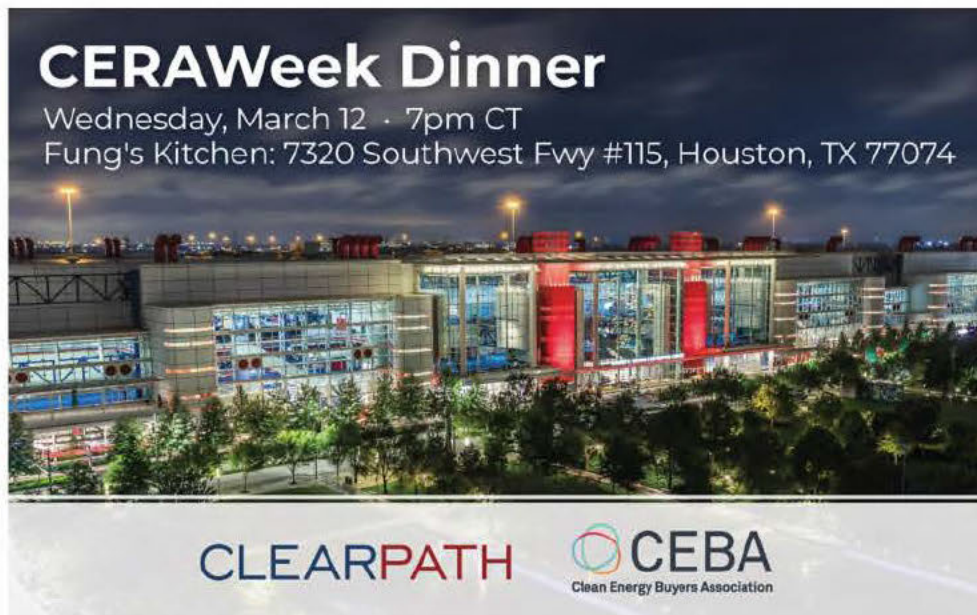
Hi Alex,

We're looking forward to catching up with you next month at CERAWeek! We'd love to feature you at our annual CERAWeek Dinner on March 12 – this is a casual dinner in Houston's Chinatown neighborhood, and expected attendees include a variety of stakeholders in the energy innovation space. I can send a list of confirmed RSVPs closer to the date if you'd like.

Ideally, you could give 1-2 minutes of off-the-record remarks about what DOE is looking forward to over the next four years.

- **When:** Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00 pm CT
- **Where:** Fung's Kitchen, 7320 Southwest Fwy #115, Houston, TX 77074

**Please RSVP directly to Emily Johnson ([emily@clearpath.org](mailto:emily@clearpath.org)) by March 5** if you can make it. This will be a pre-set menu, so let me know if you have dietary restrictions.



Thank you for your consideration,  
Emily

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Emily Johnson

Senior Director of External Affairs  
[emily@clearpath.org](mailto:emily@clearpath.org)

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**From:** Guith, Christopher  
**Sent:** Thu, 6 Mar 2025 00:13:59 +0000  
**To:** Guith, Christopher; Dietderich, Ben; Woods, Andrea; Byers, Dan  
**Subject:** Meeting (ScheduledMeeting)/Thread Id:  
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Dan

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**From:** Lamanna, Isabelle  
**Sent:** Mon, 23 Jun 2025 14:44:05 +0000  
**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle; Hebert, Ashley; Ferns, Conor; Romero, Thomas M.;  
Mcgregor, Ruby; Dietderich, Ben; Woods, Andrea  
**Cc:** Craig, Tom; Rickert, Annelise  
**Subject:** Secretary Wright and Duke Energy Planning Call

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**From:** Coe, Carl  
**Sent:** Tue, 13 May 2025 14:03:32 +0000  
**To:** Coe, Carl; jasonlarrabee@chevron.com  
**Cc:** Woods, Andrea  
**Subject:** Meet w/Andy Walz (Chevron's Downstream, Midstream & Chemicals President)

**From:** Hebert, Ashley  
**Sent:** Sat, 15 Feb 2025 00:24:20 +0000  
**To:** Hebert, Ashley; Affolter, Shawn; Lamanna, Isabelle; Wardell, Jonathan; Dietderich, Ben; Woods, Andrea; Cortina, Cynthia; Icciarelli@RGA.ORG; sgroen@rgppc.org  
**Subject:** RGA Winter Meeting Panel w/ Secretary Wright

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**From:** Coe, Carl on behalf of Korzh, Yuliya (CONTR)  
**Sent:** Tue, 13 May 2025 14:03:27 +0000  
**To:** jasonlarrabee@chevron.com  
**Cc:** Woods, Andrea  
**Subject:** Meet w/Andy Walz (Chevron's Downstream, Midstream & Chemicals President)

**From:** Guith, Christopher  
**Sent:** Tue, 4 Mar 2025 17:04:14 +0000  
**To:** Byers, Dan; Woods, Andrea; Dietderich, Ben  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DOE/Chamber CERA Chat

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**From:** Dietderich, Ben  
**Sent:** Mon, 24 Mar 2025 21:37:03 +0000  
**To:** Dietderich, Ben; mboyle@breitbart.com; Woods, Andrea  
**Subject:** Call

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**From:** Woods, Andrea  
**Sent:** Tue, 4 Mar 2025 17:05:51 +0000  
**To:** Guith, Christopher  
**Subject:** Accepted: DOE/Chamber CERA Chat

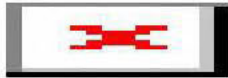
**From:** Woods, Andrea  
**Sent:** Fri, 21 Mar 2025 20:32:50 +0000  
**To:** Katelyn Bledsoe  
**Subject:** Re: Stakeholder engagement request  
**Attachments:** Sec. Chris Wright\_Meeting Request Form.docx

Hi Katelyn,

Thanks for reaching out! Sharing our request form for meetings with Secretary Wright here. Please send the completed form to (b)(6) - Secretary Wright .

Let me know if there's anything else I can help with!

Best,  
Andrea



**Andrea Woods**  
*Deputy Director*  
*Office of Public Affairs*

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**From:** Katelyn Bledsoe <KBledsoe@afphq.org>  
**Date:** Friday, March 21, 2025 at 3:05 PM  
**To:** Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stakeholder engagement request

Hi Andrea –

This is Katelyn Bledsoe. I oversee external affairs for Americans for Prosperity. I hope you all are settling in well during this exciting time!

Question for you all. I know you all are incredibly busy at the moment, but I have been asked to see if the Secretary is taking high level meetings with industry leaders. A close partner of our broader network who leads a major energy start up (b) (4)

(b) (4) is extremely excited about the work Secretary Wright is doing and would love an opportunity for some kind of touchpoint.

I am sorry to be a bit cryptic and I am happy to share more in-depth information over a call if you all are interested.

If you are, feel free to give me a call at any time (b) (6)

Katelyn

**Katelyn Bledsoe**  
**Managing Director of External Affairs**  
**Americans for Prosperity**

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# Meeting Information Request Form

Thank you for your interest in meeting with U.S. Secretary of Energy. To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of Energy is meeting with you on a given matter and because the Office of the Secretary is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards, we need the information requested below before we can agree to schedule a meeting<sup>1</sup>.

**Please respond to the questions below and send your response to (b)(6) - Sec. Wright**

If you have any questions you may contact the Secretary's Scheduling Office at (b) (6)

Requesting individual/organization: (Please identify the person(s) (name and affiliation) requesting the meeting, including any background information on the affiliated organization(s).)	
Contact information (Name, Email, Phone):	
Please describe the action sought from the Office of the Secretary:	
Meeting date (if date is flexible please indicate the range):  Please explain any time sensitivity that impacts the date of the meeting, such as court-ordered or statutory deadline:	
Proposed meeting location (City, State/Country):	
Describe the proposed meeting topic/ agenda, provide available briefing materials, and identify desired outcome(s):	
Expected meeting participants (name, title, and organizational affiliation):	
Are any expected meeting participants registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	
Are any expected meeting participants a partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political	

<p>action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)</p>	
<p>Do any expected meeting participants seek or currently have any business interests with the Department of Energy such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please identify.)</p>	
<p>Will the meeting involve legislation, broad policy options, or other general matters that involve a large and diverse range of persons and interests? (If yes, please describe.)</p>	
<p>Will the meeting involve regulations, rules, or other matters that impact a specific industry, sector of the economy, or group of persons? (If yes, please describe.)</p>	
<p>If any gifts (e.g., meals or refreshments, mementos or tokens of appreciation, transportation, etc.) will be offered to the Secretary, please describe and provide their monetary value.</p>	
<p>If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?</p>	
<p>Any additional notes or information?</p>	

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**From:** Woods, Andrea  
**Sent:** Fri, 14 Mar 2025 18:44:00 +0000  
**To:** Aaron Sibarium; Dietderich, Ben  
**Cc:** DOE NEWS  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Media Inquiry: Chanda Prescod-Weinstein's role on HEPAP

Hi Aaron,

We're still working on this for you!

Thanks,  
Andrea

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**From:** Aaron Sibarium <[sibarium@freebeacon.com](mailto:sibarium@freebeacon.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2025 2:38 PM  
**To:** Woods, Andrea <[andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov](mailto:andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov)>; Dietderich, Ben <[ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Cc:** DOE NEWS <[doenews@hq.doe.gov](mailto:doenews@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Media Inquiry: Chanda Prescod-Weinstein's role on HEPAP

Hi, just checking in on this. Ben told me yesterday that your office would try to get me a quote by COB today. Let me know if it's possible to get me something by 5:00 PM.

Best,  
Aaron

On Thu, Mar 13, 2025 at 2:02 PM Aaron Sibarium <[sibarium@freebeacon.com](mailto:sibarium@freebeacon.com)> wrote:  
Dear Ms. Woods and Mr. Dietderich,

This is Aaron Sibarium with the *Washington Free Beacon*.

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Prescod-Weinstein was appointed to HEPAP by Joe Biden in 2024, before the Trump administration's executive orders on DEI went into effect. Her term on the panel is not set to expire until 2027.

I'm reaching out to see if the Energy Department has any comment on Prescod-Weinstein and whether it will revisit her role on the panel. I'm reachable at this email or by phone—(b) (6) .

My deadline for the story is 12 PM tomorrow.

Thank you,  
Aaron Sibarium

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**From:** Woods, Andrea  
**Sent:** Wed, 5 Feb 2025 01:45:16 +0000  
**To:** Thomas Catenacci; Dietderich, Ben  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Secretary Wright to Deliver Remarks tomorrow

Hi Thomas! Looking forward to working with you again!

**From:** Thomas Catenacci <catenacci@freebeacon.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 8:33 PM  
**To:** Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov>  
**Cc:** Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Secretary Wright to Deliver Remarks tomorrow

Appreciate the heads up, Ben. Also happy to see Andrea on the team!

All the best,  
Thomas

On Tue, Feb 4, 2025 at 8:27 PM Dietderich, Ben <[ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov)> wrote:

Hi Thomas,

I wanted to pass along a link to Secretary Wright’s welcome remarks to the DOE staff tomorrow at 11 am ET. You can watch those remarks at (b) (6) . We ask that you don’t publicly share the link but feel free to use any of his remarks for reporting purposes.

Best,

**Ben Dietderich**

Press Secretary & Chief Spokesperson

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**To:** Aaron Sibarium  
**Cc:** DOE NEWS; Woods, Andrea; Dietderich, Ben  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Media Inquiry: Chanda Prescod-Weinstein's role on HEPAP

Hi! Thank you for your patience. Please see the following statement you can attribute to a DOE spokesperson:

"The High Energy Physics Advisory Panel is a scientific advisory panel to the Office of High Energy Physics in DOE's Office of Science and the National Science Foundation's Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences. Advisory panels such as HEPAP meet under the guidelines established by the Federal Advisory Committee Act and provide guidance on long-range plans, priorities, and strategies for scientific research programs. HEPAP meeting topics are limited to technical discussions of current developments and research directions within particle physics and related fields.

HEPAP members are appointed to the panel, following extensive reviews and approval of the membership by the Secretary of Energy, by the Under Secretary for Science and Innovation (or designee) and the Director of the NSF. The DOE and NSF review HEPAP's membership annually and assesses each candidate's alignment with the Department of Energy's objectives, and whether the candidate possesses relevant knowledge and experience in the fields they will represent.

Prof. Chanda Prescod-Weinstein was appointed by the Biden-Harris administration and has served since 2024. She attended two HEPAP meetings, May (in person) and December (remote) 2024. At the December meeting, she contributed to discussion of several topics, all of which were related to the agenda items. The recording for this meeting is available on the HEPAP website: <https://science.osti.gov/hep/hepap/Meetings>"

Best regards,

***Emery Washington***  
*Deputy Press Secretary*  
Office of Public Affairs  
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**Sent:** Tue, 11 Feb 2025 22:36:01 +0000  
**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle  
**Cc:** Woods, Andrea; Fulkerson, Jake  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: POC for Sec Wright -- Thank you

Thank you Izzy – much appreciated! It will be coming directly from Jason Matheny ([jmatheny@rand.org](mailto:jmatheny@rand.org)).

Take care,  
David.

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**From:** Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>  
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**Cc:** Woods, Andrea <[andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov](mailto:andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov)>; Fulkerson, Jake <[jake.fulkerson@hq.doe.gov](mailto:jake.fulkerson@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXT] RE: POC for Sec Wright -- Thank you

Hi David!

It is great to e-meet you! Please share the letter with me as well as Jake Fulkerson, copied here!

Jake can print it off and ensure the Secretary sees it.

Thank you and have a great evening.

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**From:** David Bolhuis <[bolhuis@rand.org](mailto:bolhuis@rand.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 2:40 PM  
**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Cc:** Woods, Andrea <[andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov](mailto:andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov)>; David Bolhuis <[bolhuis@rand.org](mailto:bolhuis@rand.org)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: POC for Sec Wright -- Thank you

Hello Andrea and thank you for your very kind assistance!

Hello Isabelle – Would you be the appropriate person to receive an email letter from Dr. Jason Matheny and forward it on to Secretary Wright? If not, would you mind assisting me with the proper person and email address?

Many thanks,  
David.

David Bolhuis  
Executive Assistant to Jason Matheny, President and CEO

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Hi David,

Looping you in with Isabelle Lamanna, who can help with this!

Thanks,  
Andrea

**Andrea Woods**  
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Energy  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 10:15 AM  
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**Cc:** David Bolhuis <[bolhuis@rand.org](mailto:bolhuis@rand.org)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] POC for Sec Wright -- Thank you

Hello! We are hoping to send a letter of congratulations from our President and CEO, Jason Matheny, to Sec Wright. Could you possibly assist me with the contact email for the appropriate POC within Sec Wright's office?

Thank you for your time and attention!  
David.

David Bolhuis  
Executive Assistant to Jason Matheny, President and CEO  
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**From:** Thomas Catenacci  
**Sent:** Tue, 25 Mar 2025 16:43:11 -0400  
**To:** Dietderich, Ben  
**Cc:** Woods, Andrea; DL-PAPress  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Question on LPO actions - Free Beacon

Appreciate it, Ben! That would be fantastic.

Thomas

On Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 4:30 PM Dietderich, Ben <[ben.dietderich@hq.doc.gov](mailto:ben.dietderich@hq.doc.gov)> wrote:

Hi Thomas,

We will keep you posted on these and would love to set up an interview with Secretary Wright soon. In the meantime, here is a statement:

"The Department of Energy is conducting a department-wide review to ensure all activities follow the law and align with the Trump administration's priorities. The American people provided President Trump with a mandate to govern and to unleash 'American Energy Dominance.' The Department of Energy is hard at work to deliver on President Trump's promise to restore affordable, reliable, and secure energy to the American people."

Best,

**Ben Dietderich**

Press Secretary & Chief Spokesperson

U.S. Department of Energy

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**From:** Thomas Catenacci <[catenacci@freebeacon.com](mailto:catenacci@freebeacon.com)>

**Date:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 2:33 PM

**To:** Woods, Andrea <[andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov](mailto:andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Cc:** Dietderich, Ben <[ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov)>, DOE NEWS <[doenews@hq.doe.gov](mailto:doenews@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Question on LPO actions - Free Beacon

Hey Andrea! Reaching out because I saw reports that the DOE is assembling a list of projects the previous administration used grants and loans to fund that may face elimination.

Does DOE have anything to share on this? Overall, the Biden admin announced \$107.7B in loan funding for 53 projects. 25 of those loans (worth \$60.6B) have closed. 27 (\$46.9B) are still pending. How many of these pending loans is DOE considering canceling? Does DOE believe taxpayers should be footing the bill for EV battery factories owned by major automakers Ford, GM, and Stellantis?

We are particularly interested in the LPO's activities given our previous reporting on that topic (linked below).

**Biden-Harris Admin Races To Dish Out \$25 Billion for Green Energy Before Trump Takes Office, Sparking Fraud Fears** <https://freebeacon.com/biden-harris-administration/biden-harris-admin-races-to-dish-out-25-billion-for-green-energy-before-trump-takes-office-sparking-fraud-fears/>

**Biden's Lame-Duck Loan Czar Finalizes \$1.6 Billion Award to Green Power Company He Invested In** <https://freebeacon.com/biden-administration/bidens-lame-duck-loan-czar-finalizes-1-6-billion-award-to-green-power-company-he-invested-in/>

**Biden-Backed Battery Company Defends Chinese Partner Following Free Beacon Report** <https://freebeacon.com/energy/biden-backed-battery-company-defends-chinese-partner-following-free-beacon-report/>

**Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm Spends Final Days in Office Sending Billions to Home State, Defying Inspector General** <https://freebeacon.com/energy/energy-secretary-jennifer-granholm-spends-final-days-in-office-sending-billions-to-home-state/>

**Republican Leaders Demand Biden-Harris Admin Freeze Lame Duck Green Loans Following Free Beacon Report** <https://freebeacon.com/biden-harris-administration/republican-leaders-demand-biden-admin-freeze-lame-duck-green-loans-following-free-beacon-report/>

**Solar Company That Received \$3 Billion Biden Loan Warns It Might Go Bankrupt** <https://freebeacon.com/energy/solar-company-that-received-3-billion-biden-loan-warns-it-might-go-bankrupt/>

Thank you!

**Thomas Catenacci**

Reporter | Washington Free Beacon

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**From:** Matthew Boyle  
**Sent:** Mon, 24 Mar 2025 22:15:34 +0000  
**To:** Woods, Andrea  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Breitbart

Omg I love Colin I didn't know you guys were married

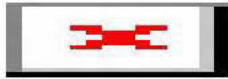
Talk tomorrow!!!  
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2025, at 5:57 PM, Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Hi Matt,

I don't think we've had the chance to work together yet, but my husband Colin Reed speaks very highly of you. Looking forward to talking tomorrow morning!

Best,  
Andrea



**Andrea Woods**  
*Deputy Director*  
*Office of Public Affairs*

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**From:** Matthew Boyle <mboyle@breitbart.com>  
**Date:** Monday, March 24, 2025 at 5:13 PM  
**To:** Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov>  
**Cc:** Pugliese, Anthony <anthony.pugliese@hq.doe.gov>, Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Breitbart

That's perfect

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On Mar 24, 2025, at 5:11 PM, Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Hey Matt! Great to hear from you. How is tomorrow around 11 am?

**Ben Dietderich**

Press Secretary & Chief Spokesperson

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**From:** Matthew Boyle <mboyle@breitbart.com>

**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2025 4:36:12 PM

**To:** Pugliese, Anthony <anthony.pugliese@hq.doe.gov>

**Cc:** Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov>; Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Breitbart

Hey guys nice to meet you and thank you Anthony for making the connection — would love to do a call this week perhaps tomorrow to discuss. Let me know if there's a good time tomorrow that works for you guys.

Thanks,

Matthew Boyle

Washington Bureau Chief, Breitbart News

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2025, at 4:30 PM, Pugliese, Anthony <anthony.pugliese@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Ben and Andrea,

I wanted to introduce you to Matt Boyle the Washington Bureau Chief for Breitbart. This past Wednesday Matt met with the Secretary at the White House and discussed an event they did with Sec. Burgum on energy dominance. Matt discussed doing something similar with Sec. Wright and it sounded like there may be some interest in doing something in mid May. As such, I wanted to connect you all to work out the details should the Sec. want to move forward.

Let me know if I can be helpful

Anthony

Anthony J. Pugliese

Chief Commercialization Officer

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**From:** Thomas Catenacci  
**Sent:** Wed, 2 Apr 2025 09:40:01 -0400  
**To:** Woods, Andrea; Dietderich, Ben  
**Cc:** DL-PAPress  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Question on RMI grant cancellations - Free Beacon

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](mailto: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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**Sent:** Sat, 15 Feb 2025 00:30:39 +0000  
**To:** Hebert, Ashley  
**Cc:** Lamanna, Isabelle; Secretary; Stephanie Groen; Dietderich, Ben; Woods, Andrea; Wardell, Jonathan  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Teams is great. Thanks Ashley!

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On Feb 14, 2025, at 7:25 PM, Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Thank you for accommodating, Laura! I've just shared an invitation with a Microsoft Teams link, but we also have a conference line if that is preferred. We will certainly let you know if our schedules open up on Tuesday morning.

Warm regards,  
Ashley

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli <lciciarelli@RGA.ORG>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2025 7:21 PM  
**To:** Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>  
**Cc:** Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>; Secretary (b)(6) - Secretary Wright ; Stephanie Groen <sgroen@rgppc.org>; Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doe.gov>; Woods, Andrea <andrea.woods@hq.doe.gov>; Wardell, Jonathan <jonathan.wardell@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

No problem, happy to set a call. We will take the 1:30pm on Feb 18, but if you have anything earlier in your schedules open up please let us know.

Happy to coordinate a walk through Wednesday morning. Our conference starts around 12pm on Wednesday so please let us know what works Wednesday morning. Thank you!

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On Feb 14, 2025, at 6:06 PM, Hebert, Ashley <[ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov)> wrote:

You too, Laura!

It would be great to hop on a call early next week to go over logistics and comms. Below are a few windows of availability on our end; please let me know what works best for your team. Also looping in Ben Dietderich (Press Secretary) and Andrea Woods (Deputy Director of Public Affairs) from our comms shop, as well as Jon Wardell who we'd like to discuss options for a walkthrough on Wednesday.

1. (preferred) Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-2:00pm, 2:30-3:30pm EDT
2. Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2:00pm EDT

Looking forward to working with you both – have a great weekend!

Warm regards,  
Ashley

**Ashley Hébert**

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli <[lciciarelli@RGA.ORG](mailto:lciciarelli@RGA.ORG)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2025 5:40 PM

**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>

**Cc:** Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >; Stephanie Groen <[sgroen@rgppc.org](mailto:sgroen@rgppc.org)>; Hebert, Ashley <[ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Thank you! Nice to meet you Ashley.

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**From:** Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2025 5:38 PM

**To:** Laura Ciciarelli <[lciciarelli@RGA.ORG](mailto:lciciarelli@RGA.ORG)>

**Cc:** Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >; Stephanie Groen <[sgroen@rgppc.org](mailto:sgroen@rgppc.org)>; Hebert, Ashley

<ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>

**Subject:** RE: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Hi Laura!

Thank you for the update. I'm looping in our Director of Scheduling and Advance, Ashely, for her awareness as well!

Thank you and have a great weekend.

Izzy

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli <lciciarelli@RGA.ORG>

**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2025 5:32 PM

**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>

**Cc:** Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >; Stephanie Groen <sgroen@rgppc.org>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Izzy –

We had a change in governor for this panel. Governor Youngkin had a last-minute change in his schedule, we replaced him with Governor Little of Idaho. Briefings are attached and updated for you. Thank you!

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli

**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2025 12:57 PM

**To:** 'Lamanna, Isabelle' <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>

**Cc:** 'Secretary' <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >; Stephanie Groen <sgroen@rgppc.org>

**Subject:** RE: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Hi Izzy,

Attached is the briefing for the panel that includes questions to be asked by Governor Gianforte. Please let me know if you have any questions. Would you mind putting me on text with whoever will be staffing Sec. Wright the day of? Thanks!

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 4:08 PM

**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>

**Cc:** Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >; Stephanie Groen <[sgroen@rgppc.org](mailto:sgroen@rgppc.org)>

**Subject:** RE: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Thanks for the call! When your security team schedules the walk though, please feel free to send them my information as well, I am happy to jump over to the Conrad for that. Thanks!

Conrad Security Contact

Marcellus Riley

Director of Safety & Security

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 3:46 PM

**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>

**Cc:** Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >; Stephanie Groen <[sgroen@rgppc.org](mailto:sgroen@rgppc.org)>

**Subject:** RE: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Hi Izzy,

Just wrapping a call and will call you right back.

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**From:** Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 3:44 PM  
**To:** Laura Ciciarelli <[lciciarelli@RGA.ORG](mailto:lciciarelli@RGA.ORG)>  
**Cc:** Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >; Stephanie Groen <[sgroen@rgppc.org](mailto:sgroen@rgppc.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Hi Laura!

That sounds great. I just tried to give you a call but please feel free to call me back at (b) (6) .

I should be around my phone until 6pm tonight and also am available tomorrow.

Izzy

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli <[lciciarelli@RGA.ORG](mailto:lciciarelli@RGA.ORG)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 2:07 PM  
**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Cc:** Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >; Stephanie Groen <[sgroen@rgppc.org](mailto:sgroen@rgppc.org)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Hi Izzy,

Great news! Would you like to schedule a call to discuss logistics? We are available anytime today or tomorrow. Please send me your availability if so. How would Secretary Wright like to be listed on our agenda and briefing materials? I will also include our policy director on the call for any questions related to the program as well as talking points. Thank you!

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On Feb 11, 2025, at 1:55 PM, Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)> wrote:

Hi Laura!

Thank you for the follow up here! Secretary Wright would love to attend.

Thank you and please let us know the next steps you need on our end.

Thank you for the invitation and talk soon.

Izzy

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli <[lciciarelli@RGA.ORG](mailto:lciciarelli@RGA.ORG)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 10:25 AM  
**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Cc:** Secretary (b)(6) - Secretary Wright  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Hi Izzy and Team –

I just wanted to keep you all updated, below is who we have confirmed for the Energy Panel. We added Glenn Youngkin to the panel. Thanks!

Gov. Greg Gianforte, Montana – Moderator  
Gov. Kelly Armstrong, North Dakota  
Gov. Glenn Youngkin, Virginia  
Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli  
**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2025 3:45 PM  
**To:** Isabelle Lamanna <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Cc:** Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >  
**Subject:** Re: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Thanks Izzy!

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On Feb 7, 2025, at 3:41 PM, Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)> wrote:

Thank you so much for the update, Laura!

We are still waiting to run this by one more part of our team to confirm his schedule allows.

Thanks so much for the patience, talk soon and Happy Friday!

Izzy

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli <[lciciarelli@RGA.ORG](mailto:lciciarelli@RGA.ORG)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 5, 2025 9:55 AM  
**To:** Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Cc:** Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Izzy –

I wanted to keep you updated and let you know that Secretary Burgum confirmed for this panel. We also have both Governors Lee and Gianforte confirmed for the panel as well. Thank you!

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 11:48 AM  
**To:** Isabelle Lamanna <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>  
**Cc:** Secretary <(b)(6) - Secretary Wright >; Stephanie Groen <[sgroen@rgppc.org](mailto:sgroen@rgppc.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: INVITE: RGA Winter Meeting Panel Speaker Request for Feb. 20

Thank you, Izzy!

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On Feb 4, 2025, at 11:40 AM, Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon, Laura!

Thank you for all the information below and completing the form. Our team will review this and get back to you as soon as possible!

Have a great rest of your week.

Izzy

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**From:** Laura Ciciarelli <[lciciarelli@RGA.ORG](mailto:lciciarelli@RGA.ORG)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 2:06 PM  
**To:** Secretary <(b)(6) - Sec. Wright >  
**Cc:** Lamanna, Isabelle <[Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov)>; Stephanie Groen <[sgroen@rgppc.org](mailto:sgroen@rgppc.org)>  
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Hello –

My name is Laura Ciciarelli, and I am the COO at the Republican Governors Association (RGA). By way of background, the RGA Executive Roundtable program was created in 2008 to bring a select group of CEOs, entrepreneurs, and other leaders together with our governors to both discuss the key issues facing our country and the states, and to support the election and re-election of Republican governors. Our membership continues to expand across the nation and continues to generate a tremendous base in support of our Republican governors and gubernatorial candidates.

We would like to invite soon-to-be Secretary Wright to speak on a panel with 3-4 Republican governors discussing the Administration's work on unleashing America's energy independence. Attached is the event information request form for your records. Below is more information on the location and timing of the panel. The audience will consist of 225-250 of our C-Suite Executive Roundtable members and our Republican governors. This panel will take place at RGA's Executive Roundtable Winter Meeting on Thursday, February 20, and it will be closed to press. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

**10:45 AM – 11:45 AM      Executive Roundtable Panel Discussion II: Energy – Changing Course: How Republican Governors will support the Trump Administration's Push for Energy Dominance**

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conrad Washington, DC, [950 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001](#)

**Energy – Changing Course: How Republican Governors will support the Trump Administration's Push for Energy Dominance**

President Trump is back in office, which means American energy is once again open for business. Over the last four years, the Biden Administration ruled by regulation, leading to higher energy costs across the board and less American-made energy. The good news? President Trump changed course within minutes of being sworn into office and issued multiple executive actions to maximize the responsible use of America's natural resources, limit regulations, and expand innovation to achieve energy dominance. Additionally, President Trump has empowered thoughtful, innovative, and commonsense leaders such as Doug Burgum and Chris Wright to unleash American energy and put the foot on the gas for producers. This panel will discuss how Republican governors have been laying the groundwork to leverage the new direction of the Trump Administration and support future American energy production.

**Invited Panel Speakers:**

Governor Greg Gianforte (MT) – Moderator (confirmed)  
Governor Kelly Armstrong (ND) (invited)  
Governor Bill Lee (TN) (invited)

Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum (invited)  
Soon-to-be Secretary of Energy Chris Wright (invited)

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