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Happy to help!

Warm regards,
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Thank you so much Ashley! And thank you again for all your help in getting the Secretary to speak at our board of directors meeting last month.

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Annelise –

Thank you for sharing! I'll be sure to pass along to the Secretary and our Public Affairs team. Great to see!

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Good morning – I wanted to share the below op-ed from Duke Energy's CEO, Harry Sideris which discusses how our company is meeting the moment when it comes to energy demand for AI.

[Nation's largest utility grid operator CEO: The AI revolution is here, and Duke Energy is ready | Duke Energy | illumination](#)

In particular we wanted to highlight the quote from Secretary Wright at the beginning of the article.

"President Trump has made it clear: America will win the global AI race – and we will do so decisively. At the root of AI supremacy lies American energy dominance. As Energy Secretary Chris Wright said, "AI transforms electricity into the most valuable output imaginable: intelligence." Energy dominance protects our national security, fortifies and accelerates America's economic future and prioritizes technological innovation. It also ensures our country can not only power the AI revolution but also maintain the reliability of service Americans deserve and keeping energy prices as low as possible."

The op-ed is also on Harry's [Linkedin](#) and [Duke Energy's X](#) account.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if I can be helpful in any other way.

Thanks,
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