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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

From: Aaron Sibarium <sibarium@freebeacon.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 2:38 PM
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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> wrote:
Dear Ms. Woods and Mr. Dietderich,

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

I am reporting a story about Chanda Prescod-Weinstein's [role on the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel](#) (HEPAP), which advises the Department of Energy on research and funding priorities.

Prescod-Weinstein has [argued](#) that "white empiricism" is endemic to physics and undermines Einstein's Theory of General Relativity. She has also [accused](#) Israel of genocide, [falsely claimed](#) that James Webb led a withunt against gay employees at NASA, and written that string theory "failed to succeed" because the field has too many white men.

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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