

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

December 12, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Wright,

We write regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) delay in disbursement of approximately \$9 million in Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) funding to the New Hampshire Department of Energy (NH DOE). This funding represents half of the amount that Congress provided for New Hampshire in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. We urge you to immediately disburse these critical funds to allow more New Hampshire families to weatherize their homes and save money on their energy bills.

On December 2, 2025, NH DOE alerted subgrantees of the New Hampshire Weatherization Assistance Program that the state has been awaiting the release of the third and final tranche of Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) WAP funding since June. Due to the delay in disbursement by DOE, subgrantees were alerted that a pause on all IIJA WAP spending would go into effect on December 31, 2025. We are very concerned that this delay in WAP funding will negatively impact New Hampshire families who are facing increasingly high energy costs and would benefit from the savings this program provides.

As you know, WAP reduces energy costs for households by increasing energy efficiency in homes, while ensuring the health and safety of occupants. According to the DOE's own statistics¹, the program supports 8,500 jobs and supports 32,000 homes every year. Households that utilize weatherization improvement and upgrades save on average \$372 or more every year. With energy costs for New Hampshire households averaging at \$2,844 per year,² this program can save families more than 13% on their energy bills each year.

¹ <https://www.energy.gov/scep/wap/weatherization-assistance-program>

² <https://www.energysage.com/local-data/electricity-cost/nh/>

This delay in funding is unacceptable. We urge you to communicate immediately a timeline of disbursement of WAP funds to provide predictability to the NH DOE and subgrantees throughout the state. Furthermore, we urge you to disburse these funds no later than December 31, 2025 and provide an explanation of what specifically caused this delay.

We appreciate your attention to this timely matter and look forward to hearing from you.

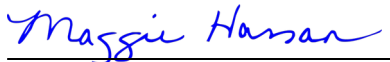
Sincerely,




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Member of Congress



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United States Senator



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