

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Secretary Wright:

Thank you for your continued commitment to prioritizing American energy dominance. In recent decades, America has fallen behind the global standard in large-scale uranium enrichment capacity, forcing our nation to rely on foreign, state-owned enterprises for alternatives. President Trump's 2019 decision to reshore uranium enrichment in Piketon, Ohio, honored the legacy established by Ohio's Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion plant, and put America back on track to domestically enrich uranium. The new American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon represents the most consequential effort since the Cold War to maintain domestic uranium enrichment capability, and supporting its operations is invaluable.

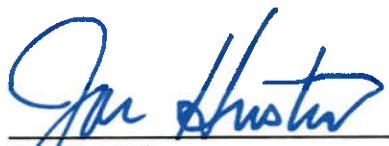
The Trump administration now has the chance to strengthen an American-owned company with U.S. technology, a goal that past administrations failed to accomplish. Awarding a majority of funds for uranium enrichment development to Centrus Energy's American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio is integral to achieving the administration's goal of energy security. The American centrifuge design utilized in Piketon is available for near-term deployment, and its application for national security missions is vital in an ever-evolving geopolitical environment.

When the Department of Energy under the Biden Administration issued its original grant guidance to expand domestic uranium enrichment capabilities, it failed to include binding requirements that all stages of the supply chain remain within the United States. This lack of foresight by unelected bureaucrats deviated from the grant's initial objective and opened the door for companies to source all of the centrifuges and components needed to enrich uranium abroad.

For decades, American presidents have promised to bolster nuclear production on American soil and bring thousands of good paying jobs to Piketon, Ohio. In 1977, President Carter selected Piketon for the nation's only advanced nuclear fuel enrichment plant. However, in 2015, President Obama campaigned on building the Piketon enrichment plant, only to cancel funding for centrifuge testing and operations in Piketon, stifling innovation and setting us down a road of foreign dependence. The federal government has failed to fulfill its promise to the people in Piketon; however, the opportunity to reinvest in American ingenuity is upon us once again.

It is imperative that we bolster America's economic and national security interests by ensuring we do not hand over production to companies that produce centrifuges abroad instead of investing in hard-working Americans right here at home. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

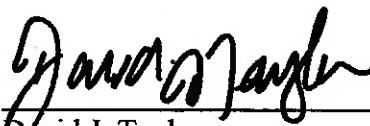
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