

Congress of the United States

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Secretary Chris Wright
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy
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Secretary Wright,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding rising utility costs for families in my district and across the country, as well as the growing threats to American-made clean energy projects that are critical to the future of our economy, energy independence, and national security.

Illinoisans will face an average utility rate hike of \$180 per year starting in 2026.¹ Around the country, utility companies are set to increase electricity rates this year by more than \$38 billion, affecting more than 57 million Americans.² These costs are only projected to rise, with residential electricity rates increasing steadily by as much as 18% over the next few years.³ As costs rise in every sector, this is a burden that working families simply cannot afford.

These rate hikes are coming at a time when electricity demand is outpacing supply, and yet, disturbingly, the Trump Administration has chosen to cut federal support for clean, affordable, renewable energy. Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) terminated the investment and production tax credits for wind and solar, phasing them out by 2027. These incentives would have created thousands of good-paying American jobs and ensured that our nation could meet future energy demands with clean, homegrown energy.

Even more troubling, the former President has publicly stated that no new wind or solar projects will be approved under his administration.⁴ This approach has already led to the cancellation of over \$22 billion in clean energy investments in just the first half of 2025 alone.⁵ The consequences of these actions are already being felt across Illinois and the country, in the form of higher prices and 21,000 lost potential clean energy jobs.⁶

The cancellation of wind and solar tax credits and blocking federal support for clean energy is in direct opposition to Trump's stated goal to "unleash American energy." The cost of wind and solar energy has plummeted over the past two decades. In 2024, wind and solar accounted for 93

¹ <https://www.americanprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/08/OBBBAfamilies-IL.pdf>

² <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/with-americans-facing-utility-bill-increases-this-year-the-one-big-beautiful-bill-act-threatens-to-drive-costs-even-higher/>

³ <https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=65284>

⁴ <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/115061417084982814>


⁵ <https://e2.org/releases/june-25-clean-economy-works/>

⁶ <https://ler.illinois.edu/2025/08/11/hr1impacts/>

percent of the new electricity added to the U.S. power grid, making them among the most cost-effective sources of electricity available today.⁷

At a time when our grid is increasingly strained by extreme weather, aging infrastructure, and rising demand from technologies like AI and data centers, we should be doubling down on clean energy investments, not walking away from them. Renewable energy is not only essential to combating climate change, but also to building a more resilient and affordable power grid for the American people.

Sincerely,



Raja Krishnamoorthi
Member of Congress

⁷ <https://cleanpower.org/news/market-report-2024-snapshot/>