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Dear Members of Congress:

Thank you for your letter dated October 20, 2025, raising concerns related to the cancellations of grants at the Department of Energy and requesting the Office of Inspector General to initiate an investigation. We appreciate your engagement and oversight in ensuring that Department programs operate with transparency, accountability, and integrity. Your outreach highlights important issues regarding the Department's administration of financial assistance.

In response to your letter, the Office of Inspector General recently announced an audit which will review the Department of Energy's processes when cancelling financial assistance and whether those cancellations were in accordance with established criteria. This work will help ensure that these activities are conducted consistently with applicable laws, regulations, and Departmental policies and procedures. We will keep you informed of the progress of our review and share our findings upon completion.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sarah B. Nelson", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Sarah B. Nelson
Performing the Duties
of the Inspector General