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Over 100 businesses urge Congress to continue funding critical energy efficiency programs

Businesses respond to budget proposal slashing key programs under the Environmental Protection Agency

WASHINGTON, DC: More than 100 businesses have signed on to a stakeholder [letter](#) urging Congress to continue to fund the Environmental Protection Agency's Combined Heat and Power Partnership (CHP Partnership) and other critical federal energy efficiency programs.

The CHP Partnership seeks to increase the efficiency of energy production by promoting CHP systems that produce both heat and electricity from a single fuel source. Currently, the voluntary program benefits 389 partners, including many businesses, developers, and state and local governments. The CHP Partnership also helps ensure that CHP technology – a vital tool for reducing energy costs at U.S. factories and other large facilities – gets appropriate consideration in the EPA's clean energy planning.

“Cutting the CHP Partnership would undermine efforts to make U.S. manufacturers more efficient and competitive, increase the reliability of the electric grid, and lower emissions,” said Jennifer Kefer of the Alliance for Industrial Efficiency, which organized the stakeholder letter. “CHP systems can keep the lights and power on at hospitals, factories and universities during extreme storms. Without the CHP Partnership, these facilities would have a much harder time identifying opportunities for cost-effective investments in clean, reliable CHP systems.”

Currently, 116 companies and facilities have signed onto the letter. Below are statements from some of the signatories.

“CHP is still an unknown quantity to many potential customers. The CHP Partnership’s work has been key in ensuring that the economic, environmental, and reliability benefits of CHP are understood and implemented as part of company, state and national energy strategies.” – Paul Glenister, President & CEO of **2G Energy Inc.**

“We’re a proud member of the CHP Partnership. The Partnership is a go-to resource for information about state policies that help support CHP across the United States. This helps potential hosts identify opportunities to invest in CHP technology, and makes us more competitive in the marketplace.” – Sam Henry, President of **Horizon Power Systems**

The **Alliance for Industrial Efficiency** is a diverse coalition of business, contractor, labor and environmental organizations committed to advancing industrial energy efficiency through state and federal policy.

2G Energy Inc., a subsidiary of 2G Energy AG in Germany, is a renowned CHP cogeneration specialist offering best-in-class cogeneration systems for natural and biogas in the 50 to 2,000 kW power range. The 2G Energy Inc. U.S headquarters was founded in 2009 in St. Augustine, Florida, and has steadily grown to now include their own manufacturing facilities.

Horizon Power Systems distributes Capstone CHP microturbine applications throughout Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. From application, design and fabrication to lifetime service, the Horizon Power Systems team has a history of delivering reliable systems that meet or exceed emissions regulations and have logged millions of documented runtime operating hours.