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Dear Leadership of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Energy and Water Development:

The undersigned 60+ businesses, trade associations, nonprofits and other organizations are writing to request **robust funding for Fiscal Year 2026 Energy and Water Appropriations for the programs pertaining to combined heat and power (CHP) technology within the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)**. CHP is the most efficient way to produce both electrical and thermal energy, saves businesses money, increases the competitiveness of America's manufacturers, strengthens our nation's energy security and reduces harmful emissions.

The undersigned support maintaining FY26 funding for the Combined Heat and Power Technical Assistance Partnerships under the Technical Assistance and Workforce Development subprogram in the Industrial Efficiency & Decarbonization Office (IEDO) consistent with the bipartisan Senate FY25 energy and water development report (S. Rept. 118-205, p. 90) and the bicameral Joint Explanatory Statement for FY23 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023 Committee Print, p. 911) Specifically, the undersigned support the below appropriations

- **$15,000,000** in FY26 funding "to provide ongoing support for the Combined Heat and Power [CHP] Technical Assistance Partnerships and related CHP Technical Partnership activities. The Department is directed to collaborate with industry on the potential energy efficiency and energy security gains to be realized with district energy systems." (see Senate Report 118-205, p. 90).

Combined Heat and Power Technical Assistance Partnerships Justification – $15,000,000

For nearly two decades, DOE has supported a regional network of technical assistance providers, known as the CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships (CHP TAPs). The CHP TAPs play a critical role in transforming the market for CHP, waste heat to power, and district energy technologies throughout the United States. To meet the evolving needs in the industrial sector, DOE initiated a broader TAP program with the goal of providing similar services for a wider range of technologies that include bioenergy and thermal energy storage, among others, through a new Onsite Energy TAP Program. By broadening the technologies included in the Onsite Energy TAP Program, DOE seeks to provide resources to support U.S. manufacturers in finding which energy resources are the most cost-effective and resilient for their needs.

In addition to supporting the adoption of a range of onsite energy technologies, the TAPs support programs dedicated to reskilling and upskilling workers needed for advanced manufacturing processes. By coordinating with the Department of Labor and the Department of Commerce, DOE seeks to increase the number of qualified employees, ensuring the proper and efficient implementation and maintenance of new technologies.

The CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships have been supported in a bipartisan manner starting in the first Trump Administration. In FY18, the House and Senate both recommended that of the $30,000,000 provided for the Industrial Technical Assistance program, $5,000,000 be dedicated for ongoing support of the CHP TAPs and $7,000,000 for related CHP activities (Division D – Energy & Water Development Statement FY18, p. 32). Similarly, in FY22, the House and Senate both recommended not less than $13,000,000 in funding to provide ongoing support for the CHP TAPs and related CHP activities (Division D – Energy & Water Development Statement FY22, p. 45), and in FY23 the House and Senate both recommended up to $15,000,000 in funding to provide ongoing support for the CHP TAPs and related CHP activities (Division D – Energy & Water Development Statement FY23, p. 58).

To maintain funding levels consistent with prior years, not only do we fully support the FY26 funding of $45,000,000 for the Technical Assistance and Workforce Development program, but **we strongly urge the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee to provide no less than $15,000,000 in FY26 funding to support CHP-related activities within the Onsite Energy TAPs program.**

With robust FY26 funding, the Onsite Energy TAPs program would enhance engagement with policymakers, utilities, and other key stakeholders to accelerate pathways for integration of onsite energy technologies and provide further support to improve facility resilience against grid disruptions.

Additional research, development and analysis should focus on resiliency benefits for critical infrastructure including critical manufacturing facilities, such as food processing and distribution facilities, pharmaceutical plants, and data centers, as well as military bases, hospitals and nursing homes, colleges and universities, multi-family buildings, schools, wastewater treatment plants, lodging, police and fire stations, prisons, supermarkets, and airports. These research and development initiatives will simultaneously “advance the future of natural gas, propane gas, and renewable propane gas systems and appliances” (House Report 118-580, p. 105).

America has benefited from this valuable program and we support its continuation at $15,000,000 to ensure energy consumers have access to trusted professional guidance on deploying onsite energy technologies. These generation sources, specifically CHP, allow businesses to save money, reduce their energy use, lower overall emissions, and increase their reliability and resiliency in the face of extreme weather events that may compromise the grid.

Conclusion

We urge that the House and Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittees continue to support these funding levels for DOE’s efforts to help businesses, developers, end users, and other interested parties identify opportunities and overcome barriers to CHP and other onsite energy technologies deployment and to make American manufacturers more competitive.

Respectfully,

2G Energy
American Gas Association
Array Industries Inc.
Axiom Energy Group
BC Energy, LLC
Blue Delta Energy, LLC
Boilersource
BROAD U.S.A.
Business Council for Sustainable Energy
Capstone Green Energy LLC
CarbonQuest
Cascade Energy
CEO
CHP-Funder.com
Clarke Energy USA Inc
Coast IntelliGen, Inc.
Colusa Indian Energy
Combined Heat and Power Alliance
Cordia Energy
DE Solutions
Delve Energy Group
DT Energy Consultants
E Cubed Company LLC
EC POWER Inc.
EDS Power Consulting
EnergiAcres
Energy and Water Developemnt LLC ("EnWaDev")
Energy Management Solutions, Inc.
FM Energy Consulting Inc
GTM Strategies
H. Ertel, Inc.
HERING AG
Integrated Energy Concepts Engineering PC
International District Energy Association
John Cockerill Energy North America
Kanin Energy
Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance
Kraft Power Corp / Kraft Energy Systems
Martin Energy Group
McAdoo Power & Light
Midwest Cogeneration Association
Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance
Missouri Energy Initiative
NLine Energy, Inc.
Northeast Chapter of CHP Alliance
Northeast-Western Energy Systems USA LLC
Optony
Power Equipment Associates, Ltd.
ProtoGen, Inc.
RENEW Energy Partners
RiverSpring Living
RSP Systems
Secure Source Energy
SHC
Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA)
Somes-Nick & Company
Sterling Energy Group, LLC
The RV Gemmer Group LLC
Theviswagroup
Turbine Inlet Cooling Association
Vergent Power Solutions
White Harvest Energy
Winner Development LLC
World Cogeneration Day
WWM International