

# United States Senate

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The Honorable Doug Burgum  
Secretary  
Department of Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
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The Honorable Pete Hegseth  
Secretary  
Department of Defense  
1300 Defense Pentagon, Room 3E970  
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Dear Secretary Burgum and Secretary Hegseth,

I write to demand additional information about the Department of the Interior's (DOI) abrupt decision on December 22, 2025, citing contrived "national security" concerns, to suspend five offshore wind leases along the East Coast, including Revolution Wind off the coast of Connecticut and Rhode Island.<sup>1</sup> The Trump administration's repeated efforts to halt renewable energy projects are deeply disturbing considering the role of increasing energy prices in the ongoing affordability crisis facing Americans. A September 2025 analysis estimated that based on the amount of additional electricity the project would add to the New England grid, cancelling the Revolution Wind project would cost local residents \$500 million a year.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, pursuant to Senate Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate and Senate Resolution 94 (119th Cong.), Section 12, I write to demand an immediate classified briefing to understand the legitimacy of the national security concerns DOI is basing their reckless decision on.

In August, DOI issued a stop work order for Revolution Wind, immediately halting progress on a project that was nearly complete and set to deliver power to over 350,000 homes as electricity prices have surged for American families and the need for additional electricity is greater than ever.<sup>3</sup> The DOI's stop work order has since been successfully challenged in court, with a federal judge issuing a temporary injunction in September, after finding that the government's national security justification for halting the project lacked sufficient evidence and

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<sup>1</sup> Maxine Joselow and Lisa Friedman, "Trump Halts 5 Wind Farms Off the East Coast," *The New York Times*, December 22, 2025, <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/22/climate/trump-offshore-wind-farms.html>.

<sup>2</sup> John Moritz, "Loss of Revolution Wind Could Cost Ratepayers \$500m a year, DEEP says," *CT Mirror*, September 9, 2025, <https://ctmirror.org/2025/09/09/revolution-wind-project-new-england-ratepayers/>.

<sup>3</sup> John Moritz, "Trump administration pauses offshore Revolution Wind project — again," *CT Mirror*, December 22, 2025, <https://ctmirror.org/2025/12/22/trump-administration-pauses-offshore-revolution-wind-project-again/>.

was “the height of arbitrary and capricious.”<sup>4</sup> At the time, I wrote to Secretary Burgum seeking information and documents behind the stop work order, which DOI said was to satisfy similarly vague national security concerns. I never received a response.

Now, the Trump administration has again suspended Revolution Wind for reasons of national security, citing a classified assessment performed by the Department of Defense (DOD).<sup>5</sup> If the administration has information about a threat so serious as to demand the immediate cessation of work on five different offshore wind projects up and down the East Coast, it should have provided this information in response to my original request in September.

The secretive and nonsensical way in which these leases have been suspended leads me to believe the national security concerns cited are just another thinly veiled pretext to carry out President Trump’s ongoing vendetta against wind energy projects. Revolution Wind has spent years working extensively with DOD throughout the permitting process and entering into a mitigation agreement. The project is weeks away from providing desperately needed power to the grid for hundreds of thousands of Americans. Further delaying or cancelling the Revolution Wind project will add hundreds of millions of dollars a year in electricity costs for consumers at a time of record-high electricity prices, threatening thousands of jobs and increasing grid reliability risks.

I demand a classified briefing by January 8, 2026 to better understand the so-called national security concerns with the project, as well as immediate compliance with my August 29, 2025 requests. If this administration cannot or will not comply, it should rescind this reckless order and allow Revolution Wind, and the other four projects, to move forward.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Chairman  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

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<sup>4</sup> Benjamin Storrow, “Judge overturns stop-work order for Revolution Wind,” *E&E News by Politico*, September 22, 2025, <https://www.eenews.net/articles/judge-overturns-stop-work-order-for-revolution-wind/>.

<sup>5</sup> Maxine Joselow and Lisa Friedman, “Trump Halts 5 Wind Farms Off the East Coast,” *The New York Times*, December 22, 2025, <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/22/climate/trump-offshore-wind-farms.html>.