



June 16, 2025

The Honorable Chris Wright, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
c/o David Taggart, Office of the General Counsel  
1000 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Wright,

As president of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), I write to support the recommendations sent by the American Council on Education in response to this Direct Final Rule.

In May, APLU responded to a request for information from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) seeking proposals for the elimination of federal regulations that are unnecessary, unlawful, unduly burdensome, or unsound. The Department of Energy's set of proposed direct final rules runs counter to OMB's stated goal to decrease regulation and will likely lead to increased compliance costs and regulatory confusion for Department of Energy grantees.

APLU recommends that DOE withdraw these rules immediately and pursue any further action through appropriate administrative processes that allow for adequate public notice and comment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Becker", written in a cursive style.

Mark Becker, President  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities