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Just wanted to share the two Bald Eagles I saw on Veterans Parkway. Jake King

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Chloe BryantSat, February 1, 2025

Extract:

State Supreme Court upholds landmark ruling affirming overlooked constitutional right: 'We have been heard'

In the United States' first constitutional climate change trial, the Montana Supreme Court upheld a ruling in favor of 16 youth plaintiffs, affirming their "fundamental constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment."

In court, the youth plaintiffs illustrated the profound effects of climate change on their daily lives. They described worsening wildfires and smoke polluting the air they breathe, drought and decreased rainfall diminishing mountain snowpack, and low river levels unable to sustain fish, wildlife, recreation, and Indigenous traditions. "

More: https://currently.att.yahoo.com/news/state-supreme-court-upholds-landmark-110012641.html?.tsrc=daily_mail&uh_test=1_11&.tsrc=daily_mail&segment_id&ncid=crm_-1295960-20250201-288&bt_user_id=xmlAyKo3TGvLOUXurzsbY77wt7Uaxpj5nOPyt1EwmdpLx91%2BewxuNtkPMw4ltbSc&bt_ts=1738398451742

'An unusual find': 66m-year-old animal vomit discovered in Denmark

Experts say vomit, probably from a fish, is made up of sea lilies and is an important contribution to reconstructing past ecosystems [View image in fullscreen](#)

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/jan/28/an-unusual-find-66m-year-old-animal-vomit-discovered-in-denmark>

Theft in Netherlands of ancient golden helmet leaves Romania distraught

<https://apnews.com/article/netherlands-cotofenesti-helmet-heist-romania-0a6dbb8e742c0a5315244fc47761b7cb>

Belize has taken a "significant step" toward [removing the last bits of colonialism](#) by replacing the image of the late Queen Elizabeth on its dollar bills with its own heroes.

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If you haven't received a Journal in awhile, it is because you never answered a query (there were three) asking if you wished to continue receiving it. If you want to be back on the mailing list, or suggest others, please email me shaynedel@att.net. Archives are at shaynedel.com



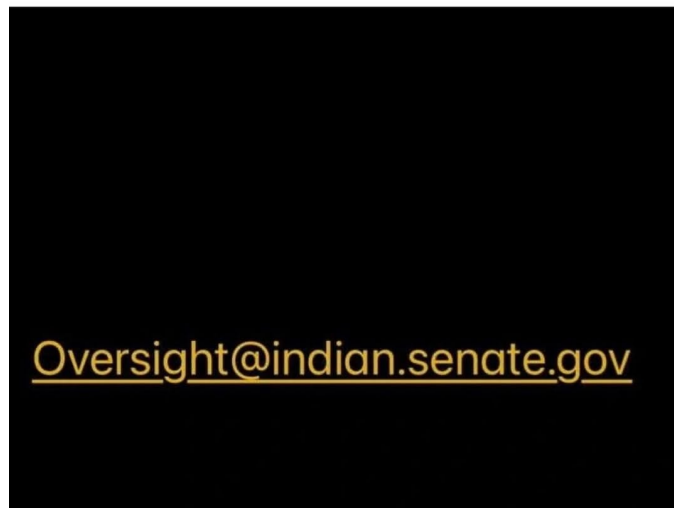
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For Tribal Nations and Native communities impacted by the Federal Funding Freeze this week.

The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs has created a bipartisan oversight email to track how any freeze on federal funding is impacting Tribal Nations and Native communities. If your community or Nation is affected, please share your experiences and concerns by contacting the bipartisan inbox: oversight@indian.senate.gov.

Your personal information will be kept confidential, but please include in your response the name of the federal agency and the program(s) affected. Yakoke fehna hoke and please share with your networks!



According to the United Nations, one in every six people on Earth will be 65 or older by 2050, presenting challenges to health care, affordable housing and retirement benefits policies. One thing that could hasten necessary policy movement would be that older Americans, who love to vote, will become even more powerful at the polls. The Census Bureau said in the 2020 general election, 74% of people age 65 and above turned out to vote, compared to 57% of people 18-34 and 69% of people 35-64.

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The Growth Of Indigenous Travel And Responsible Tourism

Rona Berg Contributor



Blackfeet Nation Campgrounds in Montana BLACKFEET NATION

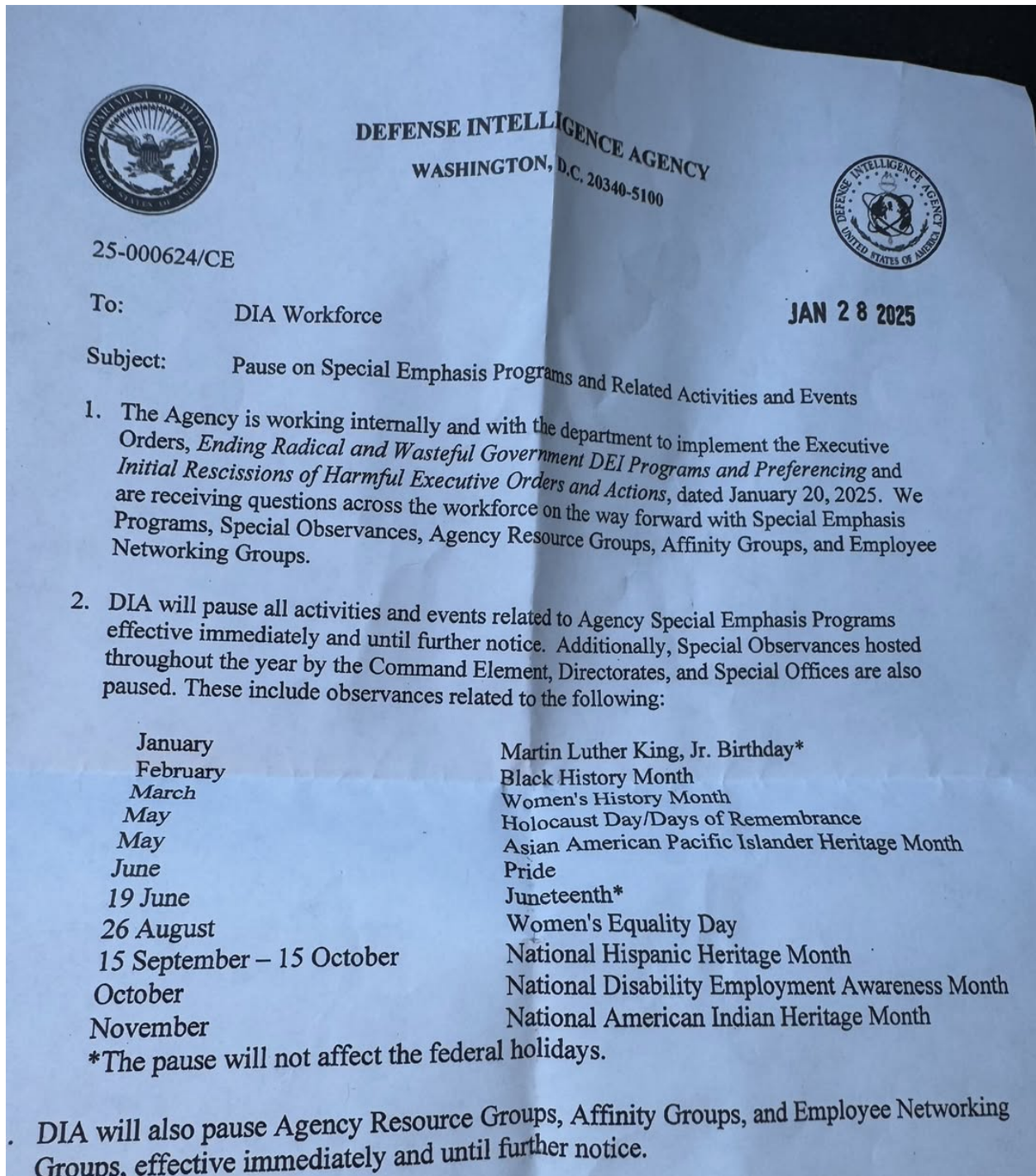
Imagine spending the night in a teepee or traditional Navajo hogan, a circular structure built with logs and covered in mud. A cozy wood stove radiates warmth as you wrap yourself in beautiful hand-woven blankets. After savoring a home-cooked meal, prepared by Navajo hosts, you are transfixed, to their storytelling. Step outdoors and marvel at the thousands of stars in the northern Arizona sky, more than you've ever seen or could imagine. After a peaceful night's sleep and early breakfast of blueberry porridge, fresh fruit compote, ranch coffee or Navajo tea, head out in the morning to tour the breathtaking Upper and Lower Antelope canyons with a Navajo-owned and operated tour company.



AIANTA CEO Sherry L. Rupert

[American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association \(AIANTA\) AIANTA and CEO Sherry L Rupert were featured in Forbes this week in a story titled, “The Growth Of Indigenous Travel And Responsible Tourism” written by \[journalist Rona Berg.\]\(#\)](#)

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President Ulysses Grant's Second State of the Union Address 5 December 1870

“The condition of the archives at the Department of State calls for the early action of Congress. The building now rented by that Department is a frail structure, at an inconvenient distance from the Executive Mansion and from the other Departments, is ill adapted to the purpose for which it is used, has not capacity to accommodate the archives, and is not fireproof. Its remote situation, its slender construction, and the absence of a supply of water in the neighborhood leave but little hope of safety for either the building or its contents in case of the accident of a fire. Its destruction would involve the loss of the rolls containing the original acts and resolutions of Congress, of the historic records of the Revolution and of the Confederation, of the whole series of diplomatic and consular archives since the adoption of the Constitution, and of the many other valuable records and papers left with that Department when it was the principal depository of the governmental archives. I recommend an appropriation for the construction of a building for the Department of State.

“Reform in the management of Indian affairs has received the special attention of the Administration from its inauguration to the present day. The experiment of making it a missionary work was tried with a few agencies given to the denomination of Friends, and has been found to work most advantageously. All agencies and superintendencies not so disposed of were given to officers of the Army. The act of Congress reducing the Army renders army officers ineligible for civil positions. Indian agencies being civil offices, I determined to give all the agencies to such religious denominations as had heretofore established missionaries among the Indians, and perhaps to some other denominations who would undertake the work on the same terms—i.e., as a missionary work. The societies selected are allowed to name their own agents, subject to the approval of the Executive, and are expected to watch over them and aid them as missionaries, to Christianize and civilize the Indian, and to train him in the arts of peace. The Government watches over the official acts of these agents, and requires of them as strict an accountability as if they were appointed in any other manner. I entertain the confident hope that the policy now pursued will in a few years bring all the Indians upon reservations, where they will live in houses, and have schoolhouses and churches, and will be pursuing peaceful and self-sustaining avocations, and where they may be visited by the law-abiding white man with the same impunity that he now visits the civilized white settlements. I call your special attention to the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for full information on this subject.

“In conclusion I would sum up the policy of the Administration to be a thorough enforcement of every law; a faithful collection of every tax provided for; economy in the disbursement of the same; a prompt payment of every debt of the nation; a reduction of taxes as rapidly as the requirements of the country will admit; reductions of taxation and tariff, to be so arranged as to afford the greatest relief to the greatest number; honest and fair dealings with all other peoples, to the end that war, with all its blighting consequences, may be avoided, but without surrendering any right or obligation due to us; a reform in the treatment of Indians and in the whole civil service of the country; and, finally, in securing a pure, untrammelled ballot, where every man entitled to cast a vote may do so, just once at each election, without fear of molestation or proscription on account of his political faith, nativity, of color.”

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Ulysses_S._Grant%27s_Second_State_of_the_Union_Address

Annette Cavanaugh

It is surreal to see one's creative work on display in a museum. I feel humbled to be in the company of artists and other creators of meaningful works on display for others to see, admire and appreciate. Thanks Rach and Gonz for coming with me to opening night at the Lilley Museum. (UNR Campus)



Trump wants to undo diversity programs. Some agencies react by scrubbing US history and culture

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The Army pulled its sexual assault regulations off websites and the Defense Intelligence Agency said it was pausing special observances that included Black History Month. The wide sweep of reactions to Donald Trump's DEI order alarmed those who have fought for inclusion for decades and who now fear the directive risks whitewashing parts of the nation's history. [Read more.](#)

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Scholarships (A-C) with March 1 Deadlines

<u>“Unboxing Your Life” Video Scholarship</u>	\$3,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Abdo Diverse Accounting Student Scholarship & Internship</u>	\$5,000	March 01, 2025
<u>AgWest Championing Agriculture Scholarship</u>	\$2,500	March 01, 2025
<u>AgWest Customer Scholarships</u>	\$5,000	March 01, 2025
<u>AI Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference</u>	\$1,000	March 01, 2025
<u>ALA Christopher J. Hoy/ERT Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	March 01, 2025
<u>ALA David H. Clift Scholarship</u>	\$3,000	March 01, 2025
<u>ALA LITA/Christian Larew Memorial Scholarship</u>	\$3,000	March 01, 2025
<u>ALA Mary V. Gaver Scholarship</u>	\$3,000	March 01, 2025
<u>ALA Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship</u>	\$3,000	March 01, 2025
<u>ALA Tom & Roberta Drewes Scholarship</u>	\$3,000	March 01, 2025
<u>ALA Tony B. Leisner Scholarship</u>	\$3,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Alaska Airmen Scholarships</u>	\$5,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Alaska Bar Association Law School Scholarships</u>	\$5,000	March 01, 2025
<u>ALSC Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship</u>	\$8,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Ambassador of Aloha Scholarships</u>	\$4,000	March 01, 2025
<u>American Board of Funeral Service Education - National Scholarship</u>	\$2,500	March 01, 2025
<u>American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	March 01, 2025
<u>American Library Association Spectrum Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Anchor Endowed and Administered Scholarships</u>	\$20,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Anchor Scholarship Foundation</u>	\$10,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Andrew Q. Peschard Memorial Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant</u>	\$50,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Arthritis Champions Scholarship</u>	\$20,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Association of California Water Agencies Scholarship</u>	\$3,500	March 01, 2025
<u>Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarships</u>	\$12,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Auburn University Achievement and Leadership Scholarships</u>	\$8,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Auburn University Alabama Resident Competitive Merit Scholarships</u>	\$44,000	March 01, 2025
<u>Auburn University Need-Based Scholarships</u>	\$20,000	March 01, 2025

Auburn University Non-Resident Merit Scholarships	\$68,000	March 01, 2025
Austin Alliance for Women in Media Scholarship	\$5,000	March 01, 2025
AWS Airgas Terry Jarvis Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	March 01, 2025
AWS Arsham Amirikian Welding Scholarship	\$2,500	March 01, 2025
AWS Barbara and Richard Couch Hypertherm Scholarship	\$2,500	March 01, 2025
AWS Donald F Hastings Scholarship	\$2,500	March 01, 2025
AWS Edward J. Brady Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	March 01, 2025
AWS Howard E. and Wilma J. Adkins Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	March 01, 2025
AWS James A Turner Jr Memorial Scholarship	\$3,500	March 01, 2025
AWS John C. Lincoln Memorial Scholarship	\$3,500	March 01, 2025
AWS William B. Howell Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	March 01, 2025
BBB Thomas J. Klinedinst, JR Scholarship	\$2,500	March 01, 2025
Beauty & Wellness Professionals Scholarship	\$2,500	March 01, 2025
Bill & Shireen Kirk Scholarship	\$5,000	March 01, 2025
Binhi At Ani Scholarship	\$1,000	March 01, 2025
Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship	\$8,000	March 01, 2025
BPW Illinois Educational Foundation Scholarships	Varies	March 01, 2025
BPWI Educational Foundation Incoming Freshman Scholarship	Varies	March 01, 2025
BPWI Educational Foundation Returning Student Scholarship	Varies	March 01, 2025
Brian Kershaw Memorial Scholarship	Varies	March 01, 2025
Brown Hudner Navy Scholarship	\$3,860	March 01, 2025
Captain Jason Dahl Scholarship Fund	\$2,098	March 01, 2025
CCU Music Scholarships	Varies	March 01, 2025
CFDRR Scholarships	\$2,132	March 01, 2025
CFNCW Scholarships	Varies	March 01, 2025
CFNEA Harland Jones Scholarship Fund	Varies	March 01, 2025
Clair A. Hill Scholarship	\$5,000	March 01, 2025
Colonial Agricultural Educational Foundation Scholarships	\$6,500	March 01, 2025
Connecticut Building Congress Scholarships	\$20,000	March 01, 2025

A program to close insurance gaps for Native Americans has gone largely unused ([columbian.com](https://www.columbian.com)) — Dale Rice, a resident of Nevada, faces financial challenges due to uninsured medical care in Reno. A new tribal sponsorship program in Nevada aims to bridge insurance gaps for Native Americans, enhancing access to healthcare services beyond tribal clinics.

Padilla, Calvert introduce bipartisan bill to support the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program

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Senator Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) and Representative Ken Calvert (R-Calif.-41) introduced bipartisan legislation to support Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR MSCP) activities. The bill would increase the funding available for species conservation by creating an interest-bearing account at the Department of the Treasury for funds that the Colorado River Lower Basin states and the federal government contribute to the LCR MSCP. Currently, the Bureau of Reclamation holds the funding that states, including California, Arizona, and Nevada, contribute in an account that does not collect interest. ... ” [Read more from Senator Alex Padilla.](#)

At Phoenix’s Far Edge, a Housing Boom Grasps for Water

“Beneath the exhausting Sonoran sun, an hour’s drive west of Phoenix, heavy machines are methodically scraping the desert bare. Where mesquite and saguaro once stood, the former Douglas Ranch is being graded and platted in the first phase of a national real estate developer’s gargantuan plan that foresees, in the next few decades, as many as 100,000 new homes to shelter 300,000 people. In late October 2024, dozens of trees, salvaged from the land and potted as if they had just arrived from the nursery, watched over the quiet construction zone. This remote site in western Maricopa County, between the stark White Tank Mountains and frequently dry Hassayampa River, is the location of Teravalis, the largest master planned community in Arizona and one of the largest in the country. ... ” [Read more from Circle of Blue.](#)

American bald eagles are having a moment, ecologically and culturally

https://apnews.com/article/bald-eagles-national-bird-endangered-symbol-efd7f0360b5b027178a9c69e4d245f07?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us

Mountain West News Bureau: [Tribes hope new measures in Congress can help them solve missing and murdered people's cases](#)

The Nevada Legislative Session commences:

Education

Continuing 2023 [raises for educators](#) scheduled to sunset in June is a top priority for Lombardo and Democratic legislative leaders.

Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro (D-Las Vegas) proposed renewing the \$250 matching fund for educator raises for [another](#) two-year budget cycle. But Lombardo, a Republican, wants to go a [step further](#) by making the raises permanent while also extending raises to charter school teachers and support staff, who were previously excluded from the 2023 bill. In addition,

Lombardo suggested bonuses, subject to funding availability, for high-performing teachers and administrators.

Lombardo has also proposed increasing and making permanent [transportation funding](#) for charter schools.

The governor and legislative leaders are also focused on early education. Lombardo has proposed allocating \$140 million to expand the state's pre-K program. Cannizzaro has proposed making pre-K available to all 4-year-olds. The state pre-K program is currently limited to 4-year-olds from families with an income below 200 percent of the poverty level.

School choice is expected to be another hot button topic this session. Lombardo has called for an expansion of open enrollment policies and transportation support to allow students to move outside of the school they are zoned for.

On the higher education front, university staff are pushing the Legislature to fully cover [cost-of-living raises](#), while unionized graduate students and some Democratic lawmakers are considering pursuing legislation that would enforce [collective bargaining rights](#) and force the Nevada System of Higher Education to negotiate with them.

— *Rocio Hernandez*

Environment and energy

After calling water the state's "greatest challenge over the next decade" during his 2023 State of the State speech, Lombardo did not mention it in his 2025 address.

Lawmakers are considering more than a dozen bills on water, including one that would implement a voluntary buyback program to allow state regulators to buy back water rights in areas that are over appropriated. Filed on behalf of the Joint Interim Committee on Natural Resources, [AB104](#) echoes a similar bill sponsored last session by former Sen. Pete Goicoechea (R-Eureka) that — although widely supported on both sides — died without a floor vote.

A [bill](#) by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources pushes for action to improve soil health (a similar bill failed last session), and a [bill](#) from Assemblyman Howard Watts (D-Las Vegas) would allow certain invertebrates to be recategorized as "wildlife," thus allowing the state to manage them. A similar bill also failed last session.

Styrofoam containers could be banned from restaurants if a bill proposed by Assemblywoman Venicia Considine (D-Las Vegas) passes; a bill draft request by Sen. James Ohrenschall (D-Las Vegas) urges the federal government to finally recognize the unsuitability of Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository.

Assemblywoman Cinthia Zermeño Moore (D-North Las Vegas) has proposed legislation that would crack down on utilities' ability to disconnect customers during extreme weather due to nonpayment. A separate proposal by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure would require utilities to report power disconnections, including household demographic and location information, to state energy regulators.

— *Amy Alonz*