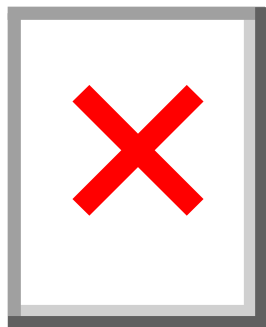


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Dear Climate Mayors,

Please join us for a webinar hosted in partnership with C40 Cities, Urban Sustainability Directors Network, and Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities on [Friday, January 21st from 2-3 PM ET](#). This briefing aims to provide clarity on recent Executive Orders impacting local climate work, offering legal insights and actionable recommendations for cities. Cities will also have an opportunity to share their needs in navigating the current policy landscape.

Amy Turner, Director of the Cities Climate Law Initiative, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law will provide an overview of the recent Executive Orders and you will have an opportunity to ask questions.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura Jay (laura@climate-mayors.org).

Please register in advance [here](#).

Resources for Mayors on Recent Executive Orders

On Monday, President Donald Trump signed a flurry of executive orders including:

- **Withdrawal from the Paris Agreement** for the second time (the executive order is [here](#)).
- **Declaring a national energy emergency**, allowing him to unlock powers to speed up the permitting process for power plants and oil and gas pipelines.
- **Revoking tailpipe emissions limits and fuel economy standards** to revoke what is referred to as the “electric vehicle mandate.”
- **Increasing oil and gas production** by opening the Alaska wilderness to increased oil and gas drilling.

- **Eliminating environmental justice programs** that protect poor communities from excess pollution.
- **Restricting the disbursement** of funding for clean energy and electric vehicle infrastructure in cities

Climate Mayors is working with our partners to monitor the impacts of these orders as well as their legal viability. We will be providing additional resources in the coming weeks.

Immediate Resources

Don't panic. But buckle up! *Intent* of the actions is clear. *Implementation* - the part that matters - is more relevant, and very unclear.

Continue to quantify key things:

- (1) How much federal grant funding you are currently owed;
- (2) The economic impact on your company/entity if active grants were paused or disrupted; as well as downstream impacts, like jobs.

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For now, please remember that:

- **Impoundments** are when Congress has appropriated funding, but the administration refuses to send the money out the door. **It is, and always has been illegal**, even prior to the Impoundment Control Act, **to withhold funds appropriated by Congress**. Courts have affirmed this [multiple times](#).
- In the January 20th Energy EO, the President [asked](#) agency heads to pause funds disbursement for 90 days (to 4/20/25) to review IRA spending. That means funds obligated by the U.S. EPA prior to President Biden leaving office that were not yet disbursed may be on pause from going out the door.
- The Energy EO freezing IRA disbursements [will count as impoundments, if any funding is actually withheld](#).
 - See our Jan 22nd update "[Unpacking Impoundment: What We Know & What We Don't](#)" for more information.
- [Courts have already blocked](#) one of Trump's immigration EOs for being unconstitutional.
- Following the EO, the Office of Management and Budget issued new guidance that slightly narrowed its scope. The full extent of the EO remains unclear. Executive action that seeks to impound Congressional appropriations, through the IRA or other acts, will almost certainly be challenged in court. In the

meantime, there is no certainty about any executive actions that will be taken to impact or impound IRA funding.

- **Because agencies have until April 20, they do not have to report. We need localities** (municipalities, Tribes, states, etc.) **to tell us ASAP if any federal funding *from any program* that you know of is being withheld.**

Please email Katie@progressivecaucuscenter.org.

Direct Links to Resources:

- Clean Vehicles Campaign [Clean Vehicle Standards EO Toolkit](#)
- Sabin Center: [Trump 2.0, Day One: Considerations for Cities and Community Partners](#)
- Climate Mayors [Statement on Withdrawal from Paris Agreement](#)
- America is All In Paris Agreement [Communications Toolkit](#) & [FAQ](#)

Please reach out if you have any questions,
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