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## Christian Employers Petition Trump to Repeal Woke Mandates Spiking Utility Costs

Christian businesses, legislative analysts, and ranchers call Biden-era FERC Order 1920 discriminatory, costly

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The <u>Christian Employers Alliance (CEA)</u> has teamed up with a coalition of ranchers and energy policy analysts to petition President Trump to rescind a costly, discriminatory order order of the Biden administration that placed DEI and ESG agendas before consumer safety and taxpayer interests.

The coalition is urging Trump to fully repeal Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 1920, which last year nationalized the radical DEI and ESG frameworks by embedding them in utility companies at the direct expense of families and businesses.

CEA President Margaret Iuculano says Order 1920 turns Americans' basic need for energy against employers and people of faith.

"Access to reliable and low-cost power is essential to every business operation," Iuculano stated. "Not only does Order 1920 require Christian business owners to needlessly swallow higher utility costs, it forces them to finance woke DEI and ESG policies that don't align with their faith-based values."

Iuculano says CEA will continue to leverage open channels with the White House to remove discriminatory, expensive ideological mandates from energy policy.

"Our members are outraged, and we will be working with President Trump's team to develop a new framework restoring common sense to utility regulations," Iuculano said.

Ryan McGowan, CEO of the Institute for Legislative Analysis, says Order 1920 diverts resources away from critical infrastructure maintenance to entirely unnecessary renewable energy initiatives.

"While Biden implemented countless draconian policies during his four-year regulatory assault on America, this little-known FERC regulation may in fact be the most damaging and costly to everyday Americans," McGowan said. "We look forward to working closely with the Trump administration to repeal and replace Order 1920 with a new framework that eliminates Biden's politicized initiatives and instead restores the focus on lowering utility rates and strengthening grid resiliency."

The Smokehouse Creek wildfire ignited in February of 2024 by utility company Xcel Energy — the largest fire in Texas history — is a stark reminder of the consequences of ESG-driven operating models.

"Xcel Energy based its operating model off a radical DEI and ESG framework, and the results speak for themselves – the triggering of the largest fire in Colorado history followed by the largest fire in Texas history", noted Bram Browder, Director of the Center to Protect Ranchers. "Countless ranchers who lost everything are still waiting a year later to be made whole by Xcel. They will not stand by idly as these devastating policies are imposed nationwide through Order 1920."

View rescission filings of the Christian Employers Alliance here.

View rescission filings of the Institute for Legislative Analysis and Center to Protect Ranchers here.

The **Christian Employers Alliance** advocates for Christian employers nationwide, defending against government mandates and promoting policies that support religious freedom and biblical principles in the workplace.

Established in 2016, CEA is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. CEA serves as the voice for America's top Christian CEOs, spanning from Wall Street to Main Street.

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