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Reckless White House Budget Would Cost Jobs, American Competitiveness

WASHINGTON (March 16, 2017) – The White House today unveiled an initial draft of its budget.

The following is a statement by Bob Keefe, executive director of the national, nonpartisan business group Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2):

“If you want to stifle innovation and punish businesses with higher energy bills, this is the budget for you.

"You simply can't cut energy efficiency programs and expect businesses to magically have lower energy bills. You can't cut R&D funding and expect the next generation of job-creating clean energy technologies to emerge from our national labs.

“This extreme budget puts millions of clean energy jobs at risk and lands a body-blow to American competitiveness. The proposals outlined in this budget need to be stopped. Now.”

See [here](#) for an E2 fact sheet detailing the 3 million U.S. clean energy jobs. Also, social media graphics are available [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

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