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**CPR's Klass on Trump Choice of Perry for Energy:
'American Leadership on Clean Energy Future Is on Indefinite Hold'**

CPR Board Member Alexandra Klass issued the following statement in response to President-Elect Donald Trump's choice of Rick Perry to serve as Secretary of Energy:

Alexandra Klass, CPR Board Member, on Energy Secretary nominee Rick Perry:

"In choosing former Texas governor Rick Perry as Energy Secretary, Donald Trump has made clear that American leadership on a clean energy future is on indefinite hold. We're at the end of 2016. By now, we should be well into a clean energy transition, moving away from dirty, polluting fossil fuels and leading the nation, if not the world, toward new, cleaner, far more innovative energy production sources and technologies. Instead, President-Elect Trump and his energy transition team have been loudly and proudly exclaiming their intention to drag the nation back to a greater dependence on coal, which today's energy economics do not even support, and overreliance on other fossil fuels that pollute our air and water, harm our children's health, and work as an impediment to achieving a clean energy future.

"Rick Perry appears poised to advance these backward policy positions and abandon any leadership the United States may have shown on energy issues. The Trump administration's agenda is blind to today's energy economics, which disfavor any continued use of coal to generate electricity; ignores the vibrant renewable energy economy that has created new companies, jobs, and technologies; and sacrifices the nation's health and future for short-term gains for fossil fuel corporate interests."

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