



United States Department of the Interior

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Washington, DC 20240

The Honorable Jon Ossoff
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Ossoff:

Thank you for your letter dated April 10, 2025, cosigned by Senator Warnock, expressing your concern over the potential termination of General Services Administration (GSA) lease utilized by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Water Science Center in Norcross, Georgia.

As you are aware, the GSA initiated a termination in February of all soft-term leases, including 164 buildings which were occupied by Department bureaus and offices. In some cases, the Department took action to reverse a termination due to the critical nature of the mission, unavailability of alternative, cost-effective solutions, or the specialized nature of the facility. You will be pleased to know that the GSA rescinded the termination of the USGS lease in Norcross, Georgia.

The Department is actively working with the GSA to review all options to GSA's inventory of leased property utilized by the Department to ensure these assets meet our long-term needs and save taxpayer dollars by securing better terms for the government, including developing plans for relocation and consolidation for the mission activities in these buildings; renegotiating with landlords on certain leases for better rates, terms, and conditions; and discussing alternatives to the termination of select critical leases where relocation would not be optimal. These efforts reflect the Administration's commitment to improve delivery of government services and decrease costs. To date, we have identified over \$1 billion in savings from these cost reduction efforts.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Department of the Interior as we mark a new era of American energy dominance and innovation while ensuring responsible stewardship of our nation's public lands and resources. We are committed to ensuring our policies reflect the needs of our communities, respect tribal sovereignty, and drive innovation that will keep the U.S. at the forefront of energy and environmental leadership.

A similar letter will be sent to Senator Warnock.

Sincerely,

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