

United States Senate

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The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585


Dear Secretary Wright:

I write to follow up on the status of a Department of Energy (DOE) grant to the Blue Bird Corporation to upgrade its manufacturing facility in Fort Valley, Georgia. On May 21, you told me that Blue Bird could expect an update on the status of its grant "this summer." I am now requesting that update.

The Federal investment that was promised to Blue Bird would allow it to expand its manufacturing facilities and meet growing market demand for electric school busses. When this grant was awarded, the Peach County Industrial Development Authority called it "an awesome win for our community." Meanwhile, Former Fort Valley Councilman Alonzo Allen said, "normally when Blue Bird grows, the city of Fort Valley grows." However, Blue Bird has yet to hear from DOE on the status of this grant, raising concerns that the department will renege on its commitment to the people of Middle Georgia.

I urge you to meet this commitment, which will create new good-paying jobs in Georgia and promote American manufacturing. Therefore, I ask that you provide me with an update on the \$80 million Federal grant award made to Blue Bird within two weeks of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,



Jon Ossoff
United States Senator