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DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCERS' ALLIANCE APPLAUDS NOMINATIONS OF CHRIS WRIGHT AND GOVERNOR DOUG BURGUM FOR KEY CABINET ROLES

The Domestic Energy Producers' Alliance (DEPA) is proud to support the nominations of **Chris Wright**, CEO of Liberty Energy and DEPA Board Member, as Secretary of Energy, and **Governor Doug Burgum** of North Dakota as Secretary of the Interior in the President-elect's incoming administration. Both individuals bring unparalleled expertise, dedication to data-driven governance, and a commitment to policies that promote energy security, environmental stewardship, and economic growth.

Chris Wright: A Visionary Energy Leader and Humanitarian

Chris Wright, a self-described "tech nerd turned entrepreneur," has dedicated his career to bettering human lives by expanding access to abundant, affordable, and reliable energy. As the CEO of Denver-based Liberty Energy, Wright has demonstrated a visionary approach to energy development, combining cutting-edge technology with a steadfast commitment to social responsibility.

Through initiatives like the *Bettering Human Lives Foundation*, Wright has championed efforts to combat global energy poverty by providing clean cooking fuels to households in underserved regions, reducing harmful emissions that claim millions of lives annually. Wright's annual *Bettering Human Lives* report underscores the essential role of hydrocarbons in modern society, from supporting global food production to enabling advancements in medicine and infrastructure.

"Chris Wright's leadership has consistently shown that energy development and environmental consciousness can go hand in hand," said Jerry Simmons, DEPA President and CEO. "He is uniquely qualified to guide the Department of Energy in implementing policies that ensure energy independence and economic vitality for all Americans."

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Governor Doug Burgum: A Proven Policy Innovator

Governor Doug Burgum has brought a results-oriented, business-minded approach to North Dakota, where agriculture and energy dominate the economy. Burgum has championed tax cuts, reduced regulatory burdens, and emphasized sustainable development of natural resources.

As Secretary of the Interior, Burgum would oversee critical aspects of the nation's public lands and energy resources, bringing a balanced approach that prioritizes conservation while enabling responsible energy production. His deep understanding of federal-state partnerships and commitment to practical governance aligns seamlessly with the priorities of the incoming administration.

A Shared Vision for America's Energy Future

Both Wright and Burgum exemplify the principles DEPA stands for: promoting domestic energy production, fostering innovation, and protecting the sovereignty of states to manage their resources effectively. Their nominations send a strong signal that the President-elect is committed to an energy strategy that prioritizes national security, economic prosperity, and environmental responsibility.

"America needs leaders who understand the transformative power of energy in improving lives," said Simmons. "Chris Wright and Governor Doug Burgum embody the vision and expertise required to lead the Department of Energy and Department of the Interior during this pivotal time for our nation."

About DEPA

DEPA is a nationwide collaboration of 39 coalition associations – from California to West Virginia, Texas to Montana – representing individuals and companies engaged in domestic onshore oil and natural gas exploration and production. DEPA is a non-partisan association seeking common ground, and in common sense solutions to the challenges facing American oil and natural gas production through educating policymakers on the vital role of domestic oil and gas production in supporting the U.S. economy, energy independence, and global leadership.

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