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<https://focusonenergy.com/ira/hear> Focus on Energy Website on Heat Pump Rebates in Wisconsin as of February 22 2025 RAWSEP View The Heat Pump and other HEAR Rebates are still there! The cheaper alternative to dirty air polluting indoor residential wood burning is still there! Heat Pump Rebates of up to \$8000 based on a sliding income scale in Wisconsin **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** Let Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates HEAR start saving you energy and money HEAR gives rebates to help low and moderate income families make their homes more energy efficient Equipment MUST be purchased and installed by an IRA Registered Contractor In 2025 you will be able to purchase equipment through participating stores This simplified process shows what you can expect IRA Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Income Qualification IRA Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Registered Contractor Selection IRA Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Equipment Installation 1 Complete Income Qualification All participating households must verify their total household annual income is less than 150% of the Area Median Income AMI A household includes all individuals living in the home regardless of relation You may be asked to provide documentation income By reviewing the IRA Income Qualification Checklist you can have your documents ready when applying We encourage online applications for quicker processing and results but have a print ready option too This short video IRA Home Energy Rebates Income Qualification Process explains income qualification step by step Online Income Application Income Application PDF If you were previously approved for HOMES you are automatically approved for HEAR If you need a copy of your existing approval notification or need an update on your application status please contact us at 800 762 7077 2 Select your IRA Registered Contractor Now that you know what you are qualified for you can find an IRA Registered Contractor These trusted program partners help you choose the best qualifying equipment for your home Note When choosing an IRA Registered Contractor be sure to select a contractor that participates as an IRA HEAR Installer and offers the equipment you are interested in 3 Equipment Installation Have your new energy efficient equipment installed Your rebate will be provided as an instant discount right on your invoice No waiting for a check in the mail! Equipment Rebates HEAR offers rebates for installing qualifying equipment A single household cannot receive more than \$14000 total in rebate dollars from this program Maximum project rebates are based on income level Qualified new or existing single and multi family homes are welcome to participate Income Eligibility Maximum Project

Rebate Households below 80% AMI 100% of project costs up to \$14000 Households between 80% and 150% AMI 50% of project costs up to \$14000 Higher income households >150% AMI are NOT eligible for this program Type of Home Energy Project Qualified Technology Rebate Max Per Product Category Eligible for New Construction ENERGY STAR® electric heat pump water heater Up to \$1750 Yes ENERGY STAR electric heat pump for space heating Up to \$8000 Yes Electrical load service center electrical panel Up to \$4000 No Electrical Wiring Up to \$2500 No Insulation air sealing ventilation Up to \$1600 Rebate Not Yet Available No ENERGY STAR electric heat pump clothes dryer Up to \$840 Rebate Not Yet Available Yes ENERGY STAR electric stove cooktop range Up to \$840 Rebate Not Yet Available Yes Rebates are available only when upgrading from a non electric appliance Note A single household address may not receive a rebate from both IRA Home Efficiency Rebates HOMES and HEAR for the same upgrade or equipment type However projects receiving rebates from either of these programs may also be eligible to receive Focus on Energy rebates Retroactive Rebates Retroactive rebates are not available for HEAR Other Ways to Save IRA Home Energy Rebates are not the only ways to save on your home energy projects You may be eligible for other programs including Focus on Energy rebates and discounts the Weatherization Assistance Program and tax credits Plus you can combine many of these with IRA Home Energy Rebates for even more savings! The Get Started tool will help you identify what you are eligible for

2 United States Supreme Court Rejects for Now Trump Bid to Fire Government Watchdog The Supreme Court order indicated that it may return to the issue as soon as next week when a temporary restraining order of a trial judge is set to expire **RAWSEP View** The opinions of the Trump defense have been edited out for the sake of brevity **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** February 21 2025 The Supreme Court in its first decision on the Trump use of executive power in his second term ruled on Friday that he cannot for now remove a government lawyer who leads the watchdog agency that protects whistle blowers But the Supreme Court brief unsigned order indicated that it may soon return to the issue noting that a temporary restraining order of a trial judge shielding the lawyer Hampton Dellinger is set to expire next week Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Ketanji Brown Jackson said that they would have rejected the Trump request for Supreme Court intervention The Supreme Court order came amid a blitz of executive actions including ones seeking to remove thousands of federal employees many of them in roles long thought protected from summary dismissal Dellinger has served as head of the Office of Special Counsel which was created by Congress in 1978 to protect government whistle blowers It is unrelated to the special counsels appointed by the Justice Department The law says the special counsel must be confirmed by the Senate serves for a five year term and may be removed by the president only for inefficiency neglect of duty or malfeasance in office Dellinger who was confirmed last year was fired by an administration official in a terse email on February 7 It did not say why He sued and Judge Amy Berman Jackson of the Federal District Court in Washington entered a temporary restraining order allowing Dellinger to keep his job for two weeks while she considered whether to enter a preliminary injunction The order expires on February 26 2025 Matz stated that this would be an especially unfortunate moment at which to weaken the Office of Special Counsel given the historic upheaval

currently occurring within federal employment and the continued importance of ensuring that whistle blowers are guarded from reprisal Matz acknowledged that the court had allowed for such firings in the past at least where the agencies in question had broad authority But he said the Office of Special Counsel has far more limited responsibilities Indeed he wrote the Supreme Court distinguished it from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau CFPB in the decision allowing the removal of its leader Presidents of both parties have expressed reservations about whether Congress is entitled to place limits on Trump power to remove the head of the Office of Special Counsel But the Supreme Court has suggested that the agency may have distinctive features that justify differing treatment 3 Pennsylvania and Illinois Democratic Governors Urge More Fight Against Trump Voters activists and even some governors like Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania are growing exasperated with the restrained approach of Congressional Democrats **RAWSEP top excerpts** We do not have kings in America and I do not intend to bend the knee Governor JB Pritzker of Illinois a Democrat said in a speech this week When the five alarm fire starts to burn every good person better be ready to man a post with a bucket of water if you want to stop it from raging out of control Representative Greg Casar a Texas Democrat who leads the Congressional Progressive Caucus sees a chance to expand the Democratic party appeal with a broad spectrum of voters who are uneasy with giving the ultrawealthy like Musk more power It is not just progressive voters that are upset he said But he added for us to encourage people to step up and fight and put in their hours after and before work to stand up to Trump they also need to see their elected officials coming together treating this as the emergency that it is **RAWSEP excerpt on the Whack a Mole conundrum** Governor Ned Lamont of Connecticut suggested that he was trying to head off that possibility for his state by taking as many meetings as he could with Trump administration officials and Republican governors at the National Governors Association gathering this week in Washington I am trying to keep my head down so it is not like Whack a Mole and I am the mole he said Governor Janet Mills of Maine briefly played the role of the mole on Friday during a White House meeting where Trump attacked her stance defending the rights of transgender people Enjoy your life after governor he said I do not think you will be in elected politics In a statement a group of Democratic governors denounced the Trump conduct saying he had engaged in ugly personal attacks and threats and pushed unfounded conspiracy theories **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times February 22 2025 An angry message from Democratic party activists and voters to their leaders is Do Something Across the country anti Trump protests and fiery town halls are flickering back to life Governor Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania a Democrat has filed a lawsuit over the Trump freeze of federal funding for Pennsylvania projects and said Congress is failing to do what is their fundamental responsibility constitutionally to be a check Democrats have a sense of shock and outrage None of the Trump nominees have been rejected by the Republican controlled Senate which early Friday also approved a GOP budget plan that would increase spending on border security and the military Some Democrats urge patience betting that the United States mood toward Trump will sour For now they face the hurdle of life in the congressional minority alongside the possibility of retaliation against those who criticize Trump or his powerful ally Musk I really do not know what they can do said a 56 year old woman a Democrat from

Mesa Arizona My only hope is that people will see and get out and vote the next time Democratic lawmakers are also divided with some eager to battle Trump and Republicans on every front and others urging a far more selective approach Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez of Washington a Democrat who represents a district that Trump won warned against overreacting to whatever is coming down the Twitter feed Our job is to build a national consensus about how we are going to address the very real problems we are facing she said and not alienate the voters who are going to determine the balance of power the real legislative authority moving forward A major test of the Democratic posture toward Republicans is unfolding over a spending confrontation In the meantime as Democrats strain to keep up with the rapid moves of Trump they have held news conferences taken to social media tried to force Republicans to take damaging votes and in some cases organized protests as they seek to cast Trump as advancing the interests of billionaires at the expense of the working class Ken Martin the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee even embraced the word resist which has fallen out of favor with exhausted Democrats Beyond Washington some governors are pushing back more But some Democratic governors recall their dealings with Trump during his first term when certain governors believed that federal aid was conditioned on flattery Governors are worried their states are going to get crushed and trying to figure out the right balance between condemning Trump and staying on his good side said former Representative Tom Malinowski of New Jersey a Democrat who has encouraged more forceful pushback to Trump Inevitably they are going to offend him and inevitably he is going to try to crush them Still several Democratic governors plan to attend a White House dinner hosted by Trump on Saturday night In the past the event has led to governors confronting presidents of both parties In Kansas City Missouri Mayor Quinton Lucas a Democrat said that many voters had grown inured to the outlandish statements of Trump 4 United States Nonfiction How Trump Rode a Wave of Reactionary Nihilism to the White House A new book by a journalist finds a far right movement seething in resentment suspicious of reason and determined to dominate at all costs [RAWSEP View](#) This book gives Democrats ideas on how to reach Trump voters who regret their decision Point out to former MAGA Infantry that as former Infantry they are not getting economic relief as they expected and they were never destined to receive economic relief anyway This book predicted the Trump actions causing the most pain economically to middle and lower class Americans now A chapter called Smashing the Administrative State explains the longstanding plans to replace the public administration of government services with a privately controlled corporate managed regime of radical right [RAWSEP](#) [Top Excerpt about the MAGA lower and middle class disposable Infantry](#) Funders supply the money that helps the Thinkers churn out the ideas that justify the power to make ever more money by Founders Just do not tell that to the Infantry those millions of lower and middle income Americans who turned out for Trump The only real role for the Infantry is to supply the votes The Infantry might think they are voting for cheaper eggs when what they are more likely to get are fewer meat inspectors and an expansionist war Satisfying the economic and emotional needs of this group is always the source of legitimacy of the antidemocratic movement stated in public but it is never the actual goal [RAWSEP Top Excerpt explaining the elitism at the top of MAGA that is definitely not merit based](#) A chapter on the Claremont Institute the right wing California think tank examines ideas of the

political philosopher Leo Strauss and the Nazi jurist Carl Schmitt Yet the author is also careful not to overstate any intellectual depth of this MAGA movement Many ideas of cutting edge figures on the far right are knee jerk contrarian and fundamentally empty Its leading intellectuals are Ivy League graduates obsessed with campus squabbles of the Ivy League The author argues that MAGA elaborate theories are constructed from feelings of elite entitlement and petty resentment When they talk about sticking it to the administrative state or fantasize about having their dictator buddy manhandle the libs they seem to be dreaming about revenge on the people down the hall **RAWSEP Top Excerpt explaining that conventional manliness and irrationality are shared values of both MAGA Thinkers extending even lower on the food chain to down to MAGA Infantry** The author offers a history that includes the high toned illiberal musings of the Harvard legal scholar Adrian Vermeule An adolescent boy's preoccupation with manliness turns out to be a common denominator among the thinkers on the right Rational deliberation gets ridiculed as a tool of liberal democracy which MAGA thinkers depict as somehow both tyrannical and toothless All the strategies they offer boil down to domination **RAWSEP Top Excerpt which showed the author did not anticipate everything that could happen in the Trump second term** The definition of nihilism is the rejection of all religious and moral principles in the belief that life is meaningless The author of the book reviewed here failed to anticipate some early surprises of the second Trump term Darren Beattie a White House speechwriter left his post in 2018 after news reports revealed that he spoke at a white nationalist attended conference In the book Darren Beattie was dismissed as too far out even for a second Trump administration Recently Trump tapped Darren Beattie for a top job at the State Department putting him in charge of United States public diplomacy only four months after Darren Beattie declared on X Competent white men must be in charge if you want things to work **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times February 21 2025 Money Lies and God was mostly written before the November 2024 election but the book reads as an creepy guide predicting this United States MAGA political moment Money Lies and God encompasses the right wing movement to destroy American democracy The author divides the movement into five categories Funders Thinkers Sergeants Infantry and Power Players These groups do not have the best interests at heart of each other and do not always get along This movement can be fractured but has lined up under MAGA and Trump They speak the language of democracy while practicing the authoritarian politics of coercion and exclusion What they share is reactionary nihilism They denounce tolerance and pluralism Reactionary nihilists assume the world is has no value and is not affected by reason and is governable only through brutal acts of will The author has spent time with reactionary nihilists Her book gives us a tour through a Las Vegas Christian nationalist event and a fancy Philadelphia Moms for Liberty fund raiser As a cure for cynicism the author ends by calling for building coalitions and a progressive system of taxation It is a noble hopeful conclusion that highlights the gap between the deliberately fast Trump news cycle and the slower pace of book time The far right seeks to demolish the possibility of reasonable discussion by treating politics as an extension of war Books like hers function not as weapons but as maps navigating a way around the edges of an empty crater