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The Honorable Bill Cassidy
U.S. House of Representatives
1131 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 1582, the “Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013”

Dear Representative Cassidy:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of H.R. 1582, the “Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013.” The Energy Consumers Relief Act would add common sense to the rulemaking process by requiring EPA to submit a report to Congress projecting energy cost increases and employment effects for any EPA rule estimated to cost more than \$1 billion. The EPA should not fear transparency of the economics of regulation – they should embrace it as part of their regulatory reform efforts.

Policymakers, including the EPA, must be mindful that manufacturing companies have choices as to where they build their facilities around the world. In this regard, the U.S. and its policies are in competition with other countries for these investments and jobs. This means that U.S. regulations must compete as well – that is, to regulate in a manner that is cost-effective and implemented in time horizons that are responsible to the public health, but mindful of market realities.

The most fundamental element is transparency of the cost of regulation. In our view, EPA’s scorecard is very poor. The EPA provided leadership decades ago in reducing emissions; they now need to lead again by addressing the cost and transparency issues. This is a win-win and there are no losers.

Thank you for your leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.3 trillion in annual sales, over 1,500 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.7 million employees worldwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through advocacy and collaboration for which the availability, use and cost of energy, power or feedstock play a significant role in their ability to compete in domestic and world markets. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including: chemical, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, brewing, and cement.