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The Honorable Ed Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bobby L. Rush
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 3826, the "Electricity Security and Affordability Act"

Dear Chairman Whitfield and Ranking Member Rush:

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) supports H.R. 3826, the "Electricity Security and Affordability Act." H.R. 3826 would ensure that the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) greenhouse gas (GHG) regulations are done in a reasonable and environmentally responsible manner that will result in a more cost-effective regulatory approach. It is important to remember that all regulatory driven costs by the electric generator will be passed on to us, the consumer. Because our member companies are energy-intensive trade-exposed companies, electricity costs directly impair global competitiveness.

IECA believes it is very important to keep coal, our most abundant energy resource, as a viable source of power production long-term. Coal has a long history as a low cost and reliable source of BTU energy for power generation. Overreliance on natural gas for power generation is of concern. As natural gas demand rises due to increased power sector demand, it will increase natural gas and electricity prices.

We thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: House Subcommittee on Energy and Power

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 1,500 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.4 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.