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The Honorable Pete Olson
Vice Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2133 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: IECA Supports H.R. 4775, the “Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016”

Dear Congressman Olson:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of H.R. 4775, the “Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016.” There are several reasons why more time is needed on implementing the ozone standards. States are struggling to meet the existing 2008 standard, deep concerns remain regarding the significant transport of ozone from China and its precursors, the role of ozone background levels need to be better understood, and the fact that EPA admits there is no identified technology available to meet the standards are all sound justifications for this legislation.

Mounting EPA regulatory costs have made it very difficult for manufacturing companies to compete with global competitors, thereby impacting U.S. jobs. For example, while China’s manufacturing jobs have increased by 31.5 percent since 2000, U.S. manufacturing jobs have declined by 21.6 percent. Furthermore, the 2015 U.S. manufacturing trade deficit stands at \$627 billion and 61 percent of the deficit is with one country, China.¹

H.R. 4775 would phase-in implementation of the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards, while extending to 2025 the date for final designation of the 2015 standard. The bill would also change the mandatory review of NAAQS from 5 to 10 years, authorize the EPA Administrator to consider technological feasibility as a secondary consideration when revising NAAQS, ensure that states may seek relief with respect to certain exceptional events, and direct EPA to submit a report to Congress within 2 years regarding the impacts of foreign emissions on NAAQS compliance and related matters.

IECA supports cost-effective action to reduce ozone emissions in a manner that will not impair manufacturing competitiveness. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

¹ Global Patterns of U.S. Merchandise Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce,
<http://tse.export.gov/TSE/TSEOptions.aspx?ReportID=1&Referrer=TSEReports.aspx&DataSource=NTD>.