



## Industrial Energy Consumers of America

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The Honorable Jeff Bingaman  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Pete V. Domenici  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
U.S. Senate

Dear Chairman Bingaman & Ranking Member Domenici:

We strongly urge you not to support S. 2229, the Wyoming Range Legacy Act of 2007. This is not the time to withdraw 1.2 million acres of land that contain 8.8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Natural gas prices are 48% higher than a year ago and consumers could pay as much as \$85.9 billion more for natural gas in 2008 than in 2007.

Despite the advertising campaign by Chesapeake Energy, natural gas supply is very fragile. According to the Energy Information Administration, natural gas production in 2000 was 19.2 trillion cubic feet versus 19.3 trillion cubic feet in 2007. Meanwhile, demand increased by 9.8 percent in the same time period. Demand continues to outstrip supply.

Every homeowner, farmer and manufacturer is depending upon you to bring down high energy costs. Supporting this bill is not responding to the American consumer's need for lower energy bills and the competitiveness of our manufacturing sector and jobs.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio  
President

cc: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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