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Headline: “Consumers Oppose Senate Bill S. 2229 that Withdraws Access to 8.8 Trillion Cubic Feet of Natural Gas”

WASHINGTON D.C. – The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) strongly oppose S. 2229, the Wyoming Range Legacy Act of 2007 that would withdraw 1.2 million acres of land that contain 8.8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. “Natural gas prices are up 48% over this time last year and consumers could pay as much as \$85.9 billion more for natural gas in 2008 versus 2007. At a time when every homeowner, farmer and manufacturer is suffering from high energy costs, this is not the time for Congress to withdraw access to large amounts of natural gas,” said Paul N. Cicio, President of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America.

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 Congress 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.

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