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### **News Release**

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#### **Headline: “Senate Climate Bill Treats Manufacturing Import Sensitive Industries and Workers Less Favorable than Foreign Producers in Identical Situations”**

(Washington D.C.) – The Industrial Energy Consumers of America remain strongly opposed to Title XIII, International Partnerships to Reduce Emissions and Adapt, of S.3036 America’s Climate Security Act of 2007. “It will not fulfill the desired intention of achieving greenhouse gas reductions in foreign countries and it does not provide a level playing field for domestic manufacturers” said Paul N. Cicio, President of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America. “Both are key requirements.”

There is no one more qualified to address Title XIII than companies from the energy intensive manufacturing sectors who compete globally. The member companies of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) are leading companies in all of these sectors.

Title XIII provisions treat American workers and industries less favorably than foreign producers in identical situations. As a result, the legislation will provide competitive advantage to foreign importers of energy intensive products.

Domestic manufacturers that want to continue to produce and export their products do not support this provision. If there are companies who support this provision, they are companies whose priority is to import into the US.

A significant number of all developing countries subsidize energy to their manufacturing sector at prices well below U.S. energy prices. Many are owned in part or in full by their governments. If countries are willing to subsidize these companies today, we must assume that they will subsidize their purchase of carbon allowances.

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