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Headline: "Industrial Energy Consumers of America Supports S.J. Res 26, the Senator Murkowski Joint Resolution"

(Washington D.C.) On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support S.J. Res. 26, a joint resolution disapproving a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the endangerment finding and the cause or contribute findings for greenhouse gases under section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act.

President Obama and the EPA have both stated that legislation, not EPA regulation under the Clean Air Act is the best way to address climate change. We encourage the Senate to stop EPA GHG regulatory action by voting for this Resolution and remove an enormous regulatory uncertainty.

Congress must not let the EPA usurp its policymaking role. EPA should not determine what energy sources will be used, how much energy will be used and by whom without regard to the price of electricity, natural gas, and gasoline for all consumers, and without consideration to economic growth or national security.

IECA member companies use substantial quantities of electricity and natural gas to manufacture products and compete globally. However, it is critical that energy prices in the US are globally competitive so that we can compete; grow our businesses and increase jobs and exports. Letting the EPA regulate GHGs will lead to increased business uncertainty and substantially increased energy and compliance costs in a time when we are still struggling to recover from a global recession.

IECA is on record supporting cost effective action that would reduce GHGs through energy efficiency, including several non-cap and trade policy options that will increase jobs and competitiveness of the manufacturing sector.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$900 billion in annual sales and with more than 850,000 employees nationwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through research, 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: plastics, cement, paper, food processing, brick, chemicals, fertilizer, insulation, steel, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, aluminum and brewing.