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Headline: “IECA Opposes H.R. 6515, Drill Responsibly in Leased Lands (DRILL) Act of 2008 – Consumers are Disappointed in the Bill”

(Washington D.C.) – “The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) does not support H.R. 6515, the Drill Responsibly in Leased Lands (DRILL) Act of 2008. “We are disappointed,” said Paul Cicio, President of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America. “The Congress must do much better to address our energy challenges. Instead of providing real solutions and reducing barriers to increased production, the bill injects more uncertainties at a time when clarity is needed.”

As significant consumers of energy whose competitiveness and jobs is dependent upon the reliability and cost of energy, we encourage certainty in regulations that control our nation’s natural resource production. H.R. 6515 includes several provisions that will unnecessarily raise regulatory and legal uncertainties, raise costs and, most importantly, will not increase production. Unfortunately, our honest assessment is that the bill on whole will reduce - not increase - natural gas production, and will result in court battles.

If recent geopolitical events have taught us anything, our nation must develop energy supplies right here in America. Our country’s economic success and quality of life is dependent upon a robust, diverse and affordable supply of energy. We cannot increase our energy security by making it more expensive and difficult to access the country’s natural gas and oil resources.

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