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The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman
Committee on Finance
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Baucus:

In behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we request an opportunity to testify before your committee regarding Title VI, Global Effort to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions of S. 2191 America's Climate Security Act scheduled for December 20, 2007. IECA testified before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on October 24, 2007 and highlighted the fact that these provisions will accelerate the loss of U.S. manufacturing jobs - not protect or provide a level playing field with companies who import energy intensive products into the United States. These provisions will actually increase - not decrease greenhouse gas emissions. We urge you to accept our invitation to testify.

IECA is a 501 (C) (6) national non-profit non-partisan cross-industry trade association whose membership is exclusively from the manufacturing sector.

Under Title VI provisions, U.S. energy intensive manufacturing companies who compete globally will be subject to the caps and higher energy costs starting in 2012 while foreign companies will not be subject to any restrictions until 2020, eight years later. Eight years is a long time. We have already lost 3.1 million manufacturing jobs since 2000 or 18 percent of all manufacturing jobs and net imports of energy intensive products has increased 108 percent.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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President

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Finance