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U.S. Senate
U.S. House of Representatives

Re: Congressional Action to Prevent Environmental Protection Agency from Regulating Greenhouse Gases

Dear Members of Congress:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), I respectfully urge you to support action to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating greenhouse gases (GHGs). The option to delay EPA action by one or more years is also not a responsible solution. Everyone, even the EPA, agrees that Congress should determine how the country addresses GHGs. Allowing the EPA to proceed is to allow unelected bureaucrats to 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. Congress must not let the EPA usurp its policymaking role.

IECA member companies use substantial quantities of electricity and natural gas to manufacture products and compete globally. We are proud that our companies are some of the most energy efficient in the world and are committed to continuing this trend. 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 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.

We look forward to hearing your response to this request.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President