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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Speaker & Mr. Majority Leader:

The membership of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) is very concerned about the House Committee on Natural Resources' provisions that would decrease – not increase – domestic production of natural gas. Natural gas prices on NYMEX for next year are 11 percent above current prices which means that homeowners, farmers and manufacturers will pay about \$18 billion more next year. FERC says that higher natural gas prices are also driving up the cost of electricity across the country. IECA encourages you to not include Title VII and Title XIII of H.R. 3221 in your energy legislation.

Total U.S. natural gas production is down 4% since 2000 despite record well completions. Importantly, increases in the Rocky Mountain Region have increased production and have offset decreases from the Gulf of Mexico. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 provisions is playing an important role in the Rocky Mountain Region increases.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: The Honorable Mitch McConnell
The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
The Honorable Pete V. Domenici
The Honorable John A. Boehner

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