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Headline: “Manufacturers Urge President Obama to Include CHP/Recycled Energy in State of Union Alternative Fuels Remarks – Opportunity to Create 1 million Highly Skilled Jobs

(Washington D.C.) On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we urge President Obama to include Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and Recycled Energy from manufacturing facilities in his definition of alternative energy. Manufacturers want to use the waste heat left over from their manufacturing production processes to produce power and steam, reduce their energy costs, improve their competitiveness and increase jobs. CHP energy is about 70 percent energy efficient versus conventional utility power plants of 32 percent and Recycled Energy utilizes heat from a manufacturing process that is essentially a free fuel for generation of useful energy in the form of steam and electricity. Extensive use of both CHP and Recycled Energy is exactly the kind of alternative energy that needs to be encouraged.

“Electric utilities do not want to buy our power because it competes with their own generation”, said Paul N. Cicio, president of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America. “More than two-thirds of the fuel used to generate power in the US is lost as heat. It makes economic and environmental common sense for the US to maximize its use of CHP and Recycled Energy.”

A recent Department of Energy report says that if the US increases its supply of power produced from CHP from 9 percent to 20 percent by 2030, the US could avoid 60 percent of the growth of projected GHG emissions or about 800 million metric tons of carbon per year. The report says 1 million highly skilled jobs would be created.

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.