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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Honorable Steny Hoyer
The Honorable Nick Rahall
The Honorable John Boehner
The Honorable Roy Blunt
The Honorable Richard Pombo
The Honorable Harry Reid
The Honorable Richard Durbin
The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
The Honorable Bill Frist
The Honorable Mitch McConnell
The Honorable Pete Domenici

Dear Members of Congress:

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) supports passage of S.3711, the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006. We encourage the House of Representatives and the Senate to act quickly to expedite final approval during the November Congressional session and send the bill to President Bush for his signature.

Passage of this bill is an important step in dealing with our country's fragile energy security in a world of growing potential supply disruptions from unstable energy producing countries who control the world's supply capacity thru cartels and who would not hesitate to use energy as a political weapon. A reliable and globally competitive domestic supply of natural gas and oil is essential to our country's economic growth and the competitiveness of our manufacturing sector which has suffered greatly from high natural gas prices.

Without increased domestic supply of natural gas and lower prices more manufacturing jobs will be lost, economic growth will falter and energy security risks will continue to increase. Thank you for your help in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio

President