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The Honorable Tim Walberg
U.S. House of Representatives
2436 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: IECA Supports H.R. 1004, the "Regulatory Integrity Act of 2017"

Dear Congressman Walberg:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of H.R. 1004, the "Regulatory Integrity Act of 2017," which requires agencies to post, in a central location, all communications they issue during the proposed rule stage so that the public can fully participate and trust that the rulemaking process is neutral and unbiased.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with $1.0 trillion in annual sales and with more than 1.6 million employees worldwide. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including: chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, automotive, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.

Mounting EPA regulatory costs have made it very difficult for manufacturing companies to compete with global competitors, thereby impacting U.S. jobs. For example, while China's manufacturing jobs have increased by 31.5 percent since 2000, U.S. manufacturing jobs have declined by 28.8 percent. Furthermore, the 2016 U.S. manufacturing trade deficit stands at $648 billion and 57 percent of the deficit is with one country, China.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: U.S. House of Representatives