



Industrial Energy Consumers of America

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The Honorable Ron Johnson
U.S. Senate
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: IECA Supports S. 34, the “Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2017”

Dear Senator Johnson:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of S. 34, the “Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2017,” which amends chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules.”

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 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: Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs