



Industrial Energy Consumers of America

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The Honorable Susan Collins
U.S. Senate
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: IECA Supports S. 1516, the “POWER Act”

Dear Senator Collins:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of S. 1516, the “POWER Act.” We support amending Section 48 of the Internal Revenue Code to provide parity for combined heat and power and waste heat to power with other forms of renewable energy.

IECA companies are energy-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) industries, which means that relatively small changes to the price of energy can have significant negative impacts to our competitiveness. EITE industries consume 73 percent of the entire manufacturing sector’s use of electricity (26% of U.S.), 75 percent of the natural gas (29% of U.S.), and 82 percent of all energy from the manufacturing sector.

The bill would ensure that combined heat and power systems would qualify for a 10% investment tax credit (ITC) for the first 25 MW of projects and eliminates the 50 MW project sizing cap, and include waste heat to power as a qualifying form of energy. These changes would reduce industry costs and create jobs.

We thank you for your leadership on this important legislation and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: Senate Committee on Finance

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 2,900 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.4 million employees worldwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through 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: chemical, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.