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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Mark R. Warner
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Jim Webb
U.S. Senate
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable James M. Inhofe
U.S. Senate
205 Russell Senate Office Building
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Re: IECA Supports S. 3438, the “Offshore Petroleum Expansion Now (OPEN) Act of 2012”

Dear Senator Murkowski:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of S. 3438, the “Offshore Petroleum Expansion Now (OPEN) Act of 2012.” This legislation will expand American offshore energy production with a revised five-year leasing plan and provide revenue sharing to all participating coastal states. Expanding domestic production of energy resources creates jobs and increases the affordability of energy for the manufacturing sector.

The manufacturing sector uses one-third of all of the natural gas and one-third of all electricity (of which one-third is produced from natural gas) which fuels the employment of 12 million high-paid workers. Our competitiveness is dependent upon a robust, diverse and affordable supply of energy that allows us to compete globally.

We believe the “Offshore Petroleum Expansion Now (OPEN) Act of 2012” is a step in the right direction. Thank you for your leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$700 billion in annual sales and with more than 650,000 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.