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### **“IECA Applauds Senate Passage of the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act”**

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we applaud passage of the “Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act” as an Amendment to H.R. 4850 in the Senate and urge the House of Representatives to pass it upon its return. The legislation will help identify federal and state policy barriers to increased industrial energy efficiency, demand response and greater use of combined heat and power.

“The legislation’s initiatives will pay big dividends in the future,” said Paul N Cicio, President of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America. Energy efficiency is a powerful tool to increasing manufacturing competitiveness, jobs, capital investment, and emission reductions.

It is an absolute fact that federal and state energy efficiency barriers exist. This bill takes an important first step in requiring the DOE to identify those barriers and provide guidance, identify past successful industrial energy efficiency policies, and provide cost-effective policies used by other manufacturing-based countries.

We applaud Senators Shaheen and Portman for their leadership and tremendous support for the manufacturing sector of the United States.

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