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The Honorable Mike Pompeo
U.S. House of Representatives
436 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: IECA Supports H.R. 161, the “Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act”

Dear Congressman Pompeo:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of H.R. 161, the “Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act,” and therefore are fully supportive of streamlining the permitting process and expediting approvals of natural gas pipeline projects.

Electric and natural gas reliability is dependent upon natural gas pipeline capacity reliability. IECA is concerned about reliability due to potential natural gas pipeline capacity constraints and increased dependence on natural gas-fired power generation.

IECA represents energy-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) companies, which are significant consumers of natural gas. EITE industries consume 75 percent of the entire manufacturing sector’s use of natural gas (29% of U.S.).

Expediting permitting and approvals of natural gas pipeline projects is critical to maintaining electric and natural gas reliability. Thank you for your leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

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.