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The Voice of the Industrial Energy Consumers

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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
U.S. Senate
709 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Mark Begich
U.S. Senate
111 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: LNG Exports from Alaska

Dear Senators:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) we are aware of your visit to Japan, correspondence with President Obama and other statements regarding the desire by the State of Alaska to ship LNG to Japan. IECA supports your effort to export LNG from Alaska to Japan. This is sound public, economic and trade policy that would greatly contribute to national security with a valued ally. The State of Hawaii could also be a beneficiary of Alaska LNG exports as well.

Our voice on this issue is unique. Unlike some other major manufacturing-based trade associations, our membership does not include oil, natural gas, coal or electric utilities. Annual revenues of our member companies exceed \$1.1 trillion; they operate in over 1,000 facilities nationwide, and employ more than 1.4 million employees worldwide.

While IECA has concerns regarding unrestrained approval of LNG export terminals in the lower 48 to countries with which the U.S. does not have a Free Trade Agreement, these concerns do not apply to Alaska. In our view, Alaska LNG exports would easily pass the U.S. Department of Energy “public interest” test. The new pipeline that would deliver natural gas to the export terminal could make gas accessible to communities that currently do not have access to natural gas. Alaska does not have a measurable existing manufacturing demand for natural gas that otherwise could be impacted by exports. And, it is unlikely that Alaska natural gas would be shipped by pipeline to the lower 48, such that U.S. manufacturers and consumers will not be competing with Japanese consumers for these gas supplies.

IECA encourages the State of Alaska and federal government to accelerate the approval process for export of LNG. Please let us know how we may be helpful.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: The Honorable Steven Chu
The Honorable Ron Wyden
The Honorable Max Baucus
The Honorable Orrin Hatch
The Honorable Dave Camp
The Honorable Sander Levin
The Honorable Fred Upton
The Honorable Henry Waxman
The Honorable Mazie Hirono
The Honorable Brian Schatz

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.1 trillion in annual sales, over 1,000 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, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, brewing, cement, agricultural equipment, and automotive.