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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
U.S. Senate
530 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Angus King
U.S. Senate
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: S. 487, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a natural gas demand response pilot program.

Dear Senators Whitehouse and King:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support S. 487, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a natural gas demand response pilot program. We have seen how well demand response programs have worked for electricity and are encouraged that through this pilot program, equal success can be achieved with natural gas. As manufacturers that consume large amounts of natural gas and compete internationally, a natural gas demand response program could reduce our costs.

The legislation would leverage states' success in implementing demand response pilot programs that have proven highly effective. In addition to the potential cost savings, demand response programs can guard against price spikes and reduce the need to expand natural gas infrastructure.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Please let us know how we can be helpful in moving this 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 \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 3,700 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.7 million employees. 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: chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, automotive, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.