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The Honorable John Hoeven
U.S. Senate
338 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: IECA Supports S. 2446, the “Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2016”

Dear Senator Hoeven:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of S. 2446, the “Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2016.”

IECA companies are energy-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) industries and represent a diverse set of industries including: chemical, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, building products, automotive, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement. Coal Combustion Products (CCPs) or coal ash is used in many manufacturing processes and ensures billions of dollars in economic benefits, supports the creation of jobs across many industries.

S. 2446 continues to authorize states to create permit programs to enforce coal ash disposal standards, while it responds to EPA feedback on earlier legislation by requiring states to set up their permit program through a traditional EPA application process and giving EPA final approval of a state’s permit program prior to implementation. Among many coal ash disposal standards, it ensures state permit programs require timely and effective groundwater monitoring of coal ash disposal sites, and also requires protective lining and properly engineered disposal structures needed to protect communities and the environment.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

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, automotive, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.