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The Honorable Pete Stauber
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Manufacturers Support H.R. 209, the “Permitting for Mining Needs Act of 2023”

Dear Chairman Stauber:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America’s (IECA), we support H.R. 209, the “Permitting for Mining Needs Act of 2023” and the improvement of the permitting process for mining on Federal land.

As U.S. manufacturers we rely on the availability and cost of critical minerals to produce goods for the American public and for national security. It is clear that our nation’s vulnerability to supply chain disruptions is caused by dependence upon foreign sources of essential raw materials. This bill is strategic.

Thank you for your leadership. Please let us know how we can be helpful in moving this legislation.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.1 trillion in annual sales, over 12,000 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.8 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: chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, automotive, independent oil refining, and cement.