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The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

***Re: Manufacturers Support the “Transparency and Production of American Energy Act of 2023”***

Dear Chairman Westerman:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America’s (IECA), we support the “Transparency and Production of American Energy Act of 2023” and the restart of onshore and offshore oil, gas, and coal leasing, streamlining permitting for energy infrastructure, and ensuring transparency in energy development on Federal lands.

Increased infrastructure, energy, and minerals are essential for manufacturing investments, growth, and job creation. All are needed to produce more manufactured products in the U.S. and import less, which increases jobs and strengthens supply chains. We cannot afford to be dependent upon other countries for critical raw materials.

As energy-intensive, trade-exposed (EITE) manufacturers, it is important to have an all-of-the-above approach to domestic energy so that the U.S. manufacturing sector can remain competitive.

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

cc: House Committee on Natural Resources

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*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.*