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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2183 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we are responding to your statement released on March 3, 2014 entitled, "U.S. LNG Exports Can Weaken Russian Influence."

Exporting U.S. natural gas to Ukraine is the wrong solution. If the U.S. wants to weaken Russian President Vladimir Putin, it should work closely with the Ukraine government to fully utilize the hydraulic fracturing technology that resides with U.S. oil and gas companies. The Ukraine has more than 40 trillion cubic feet of technically recoverable natural gas.¹ Utilizing hydraulic fracturing technology spurs economic growth and jobs from within Ukraine.

U.S. oil companies are willing partners. In fact, last year Ukraine signed natural gas exploration deals with Royal Dutch Shell as well as Chevron, which pledged to invest as much as \$10 billion if adequate supplies of shale gas were found.

Exporting U.S. natural gas increases domestic natural gas and electricity prices for every American and undermines manufacturing competitiveness and job creation. Export the technology and give Ukraine the ability to drill and to provide for its own natural gas.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Senate

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 1,500 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, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.

¹ "Frack for Freedom: What Ukraine Needs Now is a Shale Revolution," Christopher Helman, Forbes, March 4, 2014