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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public
Works
U.S. Senate
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public
Works
U.S. Senate
513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Consideration of S. 2754, the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act as Standalone Legislation

Dear Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Barrasso, and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of the companies of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we strongly urge that S. 2754, the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act, be considered through normal procedure and not as part of the energy package S. 2657, the American Energy Innovation Act of 2020.

IECA member companies are large manufacturers that use industrial chillers to control fluid temperatures. There is no commercial or economic substitute for HFCs in industrial chillers. Therefore, Congress should not act upon S. 2754 until it has a full understanding of the serious negative implications of phasing out HFCs.

One thing is certain, if there was a more economical or environmentally safer alternative to HFCs available, industrial companies would already be using it.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: 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 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.