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The Honorable Pete Sessions
Chairman
Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Louise McIntosh Slaughter
Ranking Member
Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: IECA Supports Amendment 364 to H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017”

Dear Chairman Sessions and Ranking Member Slaughter:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support Amendment 364 to H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017,” which strikes Section 1090 that requires the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to make a decision within 30 days of FERC approval of any LNG export application. It is not in the public interest to force a 30-day decision. Section 1090 of H.R. 4909 is not germane to national defense. It is relevant to domestic consumers and high natural gas prices.

The DOE has already approved or conditionally approved LNG export applications at 14.3 Bcf/day which represents an increase in demand of 19 percent of 2015 demand. This represents an incredible increase in demand which DOE LNG studies forecast will increase natural gas prices. The EIA AEO 2015 calls for prices to rise by 156.5 percent from 2015 to 2025.

Approval or disapproval of an LNG export application is a domestic energy policy issue that greatly impacts domestic consumers. In fact, an identical provision to Section 1090 has already passed the House in the form of H.R. 8.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: House Committee on Rules

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.