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The Honorable Steve Daines  
U.S. Senate  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
U.S. Senate  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

***Re: Manufacturers Support S. 1521, "Community and Hydropower Improvement Act"***

Dear Senator Daines and Senator Cantwell:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America's (IECA), we support S. 1521, the "Community and Hydropower Improvement Act" which amends the Federal Power Act to modernize and improve the licensing of non-Federal hydropower projects. Manufacturing companies need reliable and affordable electricity prices to enable investment and create good paying jobs. Hydropower is abundant, competitive, and a renewable source of electricity. The legislation would provide a significant step forward to increase hydropower capacity across the U.S.

One hundred percent of IECA's membership are companies from the manufacturing sector. The manufacturing sector represents 12 percent of U.S. GDP or \$2.3 trillion, employs 12.9 million people, and consumes approximately 25 percent of U.S. electricity. In 2022, the manufacturing sector spent \$74 billion on electricity.

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

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio  
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President & CEO

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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.*