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The Honorable Joe Manchin, III  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
U.S. Senate  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

***Re: Manufacturers Support S. 1399, the “Building American Energy Security Act of 2023”***

Dear Chairman Manchin:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America’s (IECA), we support S. 1399, the “Building American Energy Security Act of 2023” to improve energy security at reasonable prices by improving the permitting process for energy-related projects. An affordable and reliable supply of energy is essential to reshore investment and jobs in the manufacturing sector. The manufacturing sector consumes 27 percent of U.S. electricity, 25 percent of U.S. natural gas, and requires minerals that are mined to produce the products needed in everyday life.

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. 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.

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: U.S. Senate