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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
709 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: IECA Supports S. 1236, the “Hydropower Improvement Act of 2015”

Dear Chairman Murkowski:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of S. 1236, the “Hydropower Improvement Act of 2015.” We are supportive of an all-of-the-above energy approach, which includes hydropower and believe that hydropower should be defined as a renewable energy resource.

IECA companies are energy-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) industries, which means that relatively small changes to the price of energy can have significant negative impacts to our competitiveness. EITE industries consume 73 percent of the entire manufacturing sector’s use of electricity (26% of U.S.), 75 percent of the natural gas (29% of U.S.), and 82 percent of all energy from the manufacturing sector.

We also support streamlining the hydropower licensing procedures to reduce regulatory backlog. More than 250 projects, representing about 16,000 MW of capacity, are estimated to require relicensing by 2025. On average it takes eight to ten years to relicense an existing project. S. 1236 will help to reduce the time to relicense.

We thank you for your leadership on this important legislation and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.