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INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSUMERS OF AMERICA COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATION'S PARIS ACCORD DECISION

WASHINGTON, DC – The Industrial Energy Consumers of America's (IECA) President Paul Cicio issued the following statement today after President Trump announced his intention to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord.

"The U.S. should never be a party to a global or bilateral agreement that does not provide a level playing field for manufacturing. The manufacturing sector has a significant incentive to reduce energy consumption and GHG emissions, it is called global competition. Global competition is relentless and requires energy-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) industries to reduce energy consumption to be competitive – or we cease to exist."

"The U.S. manufacturing sector's GHG emissions are already 26 percent below 1973 levels and the industrial sector is the only sector whose GHG emissions are below 1973 levels.¹ The U.S. manufacturing sector's GHG intensity is only 22 percent of China's manufacturing sector."²

"As EITE manufacturing companies, a level playing field is essential for our ability to invest and create jobs in the U.S. If this does not occur, industrial GHG leakage will shift both GHG emissions and high paying middle-class jobs to other countries, which accomplishes nothing environmentally."

"We welcome the opportunity to work with the Trump Administration and Congress to remove regulatory barriers which impair our ability to reduce GHG emissions, such as new source review (NSR)."

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 2,300 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.6 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.

¹ Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/inventory-us-greenhouse-gas-emissions-and-sinks>.

² International Energy Agency, World Bank.