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The Honorable Tom Marino
U.S. House of Representatives
410 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 1587, the Energy Infrastructure Improvement Act

Dear Congressman Marino:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of H.R. 1587, the Energy Infrastructure Improvement Act.

As America's energy-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) industries which consume over 80 percent of the energy of the entire manufacturing sector, and consume 29% of U.S. natural gas, we recognize the importance of improving the permitting process for natural gas pipelines. Our manufacturing industries are investing over \$100 billion in new facilities nationwide and it is crucial that there is an ample supply of natural gas and a pipeline delivery infrastructure to serve these needs.

Securing permits, rights of way, and temporary easements is essential for timely expansion of the pipeline systems that are needed. H.R. 1587 will facilitate the construction and operation needed on eligible Federal lands.

Thank you for your leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 1,500 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.