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The Honorable Kevin Cramer
U.S. House of Representatives
1032 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 4293, the Natural Gas Gathering Enhancement Act

Dear Congressman Cramer:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of H.R. 4293, the Natural Gas Gathering Enhancement 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 pipeline gathering systems. As the manufacturing sector invests over \$100 billion in new facilities nationwide, we must ensure that there is an ample supply of natural gas.

While there is record production of natural gas, there is also record demand. Venting or flaring of natural gas is not acceptable either environmentally or economically. Setting permitting deadlines will accelerate the construction of natural gas gathering pipeline systems that can be used to slow and hopefully stop wasteful venting or flaring and put the natural gas to use in expanding manufacturing jobs.

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.