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The Honorable Kim Reynolds
Governor
State of Iowa
1007 East Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds:

On behalf of our member companies with operations in Iowa, we urge you to veto Division XXXIII of HF 2643, which would allow an incumbent monopoly utility the exclusive right to construct, own, and maintain transmission lines in its service territory. This policy would deny consumers of the benefits of competition in the development of transmission lines which reduces costs to the ratepayer. Anyone should be able to build a transmission line, not just the incumbent monopoly utility.

Manufacturers consume 46.8 percent of the electricity in Iowa.¹ The cost of electricity is essential to manufacturing competitiveness, jobs, and investment.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these issues. If you have any questions, please contact me at 703-216-7402 or pcicio@ieca-us.org.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.1 trillion in annual sales, over 4,200 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.8 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: chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, automotive, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.

¹ Retail sales of electricity to ultimate customers by state, U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), <https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data.php#sales>.