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Manufactures Urge U.S. House of Representatives to Oppose Amendment No. 29 to the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2014

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we urge the U.S. House of Representatives to oppose Amendment No. 29 to H.R. 2609, the “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2014” which deals with hydraulic fracturing and complicated federal environmental regulations that would impact manufacturing jobs. Manufacturers will be directly impacted by this amendment through higher costs of natural gas, feedstock and electricity, thereby reducing competitiveness and jobs. The manufacturing sector consumes over 30 percent of all natural gas and electricity in the U.S.

Manufacturers are making significant new capital investment in the U.S. because of the abundant and affordable supply of natural gas, due to the use of hydraulic fracturing. As a result, industrial demand is growing quickly, creating high paying manufacturing jobs.

There are serious unintended consequences to this amendment. We note that there are no known cases of water contamination due to hydraulic fracturing. State regulation of hydraulic fracturing is working very effectively.

The Energy and Water Appropriations Bill is not the appropriate forum to address this issue. We urge you to vote NO on Amendment No. 29.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.3 trillion in annual sales, over 1,500 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.7 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, brewing, and cement.