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INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSUMERS OF AMERICA SUPPORTS THE “CLEAN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY ACT”

“We support the Clean Industrial Technology Act of 2019, introduced in both the U.S. House and Senate today,” stated Paul Cicio, President of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA). “An R&D program that results in cost-effective technology which reduces GHG emissions and increases competitiveness is a win-win for the environment, economic growth, investment, and job creation. Manufacturers are self-motivated to reduce energy consumption, a cost, due to fierce global price competition. And, if this legislation results in new cost-effective technology, we will use it.”

The bills would focus on increased research and development spending at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on technology to continue to reduce GHG emissions in energy-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) industries.

- Since 1990, the manufacturing sector has lowered CO₂ emissions by 15 percent, the best performance of any sector of the U.S. economy.
- Since 1987, manufacturing energy intensity has decreased by 54 percent, while output has increased by 322 percent. A tremendous success story.
- In 2017, the average manufacturing worker in the U.S earned \$84,832 annually, including pay and benefits. The average worker in all nonfarm industries earned \$66,847.
- There are 12.8 million manufacturing workers in the U.S., accounting for 8.5 percent of the workforce.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 3,700 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: chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, automotive, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.