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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
237 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Amendment to provide opportunity for hearing and public input on small LNG applications to export

Dear Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support your amendment to H.R. 4606, the “Ensuring Small Scale LNG Certainty and Access Act” to provide consumers of natural gas an opportunity for hearing and public input on small scale LNG export applications, in advance of final approval by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). It is good government and in the public interest that consumers have the ability to provide input.

Every study conducted by the DOE on the potential economic impacts of LNG exports concludes that exports of LNG increase the price of natural gas and electricity. Although we do not anticipate this being a significant problem in the short-term, public policy must consider long-term potential impacts. It is for this reason that it is wise to provide for public input. Consumers of natural gas deserve that option.

The manufacturing sector consumes about 25 percent of all U.S. natural gas and demand is increasing annually. IECA members are mostly energy-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) companies, which means that relatively small changes to the price of natural gas and electricity can have relatively large impacts to competitiveness and jobs. For the majority of our applications, there is no substitute for natural gas.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

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.