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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
U.S. Senate
530 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Manufacturers Support S. 2649, the “Energy Infrastructure Demand Response Act of 2018”

Dear Senator Whitehouse:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we are supportive of S. 2649, the “Energy Infrastructure Demand Response Act of 2018.” The legislation asks the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to study natural gas demand response and directs federal regulators to develop a pilot program using the latest technology.

Just as electricity demand response programs have resulted in lower electricity costs to industrial, residential, and commercial consumers, demand response programs in natural gas will have the same effect. Such programs will become increasingly important especially in natural gas pipeline constrained portions of the U.S.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Please let us know how we can be helpful in moving this legislation.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Rick Perry, U.S. Department of Energy
The Honorable Kevin McIntyre, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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.