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The Honorable Martin Heinrich
U.S. Senate
702 Hart Senate Office Building
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Re: S. 2947 – Amends the Federal Power Act to clarify the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to prescribe just, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory or preferential terms, conditions, and compensation applicable to wholesale demand response resource participation in organized wholesale energy, capacity, and ancillary service markets.

Dear Senator Heinrich:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of S. 2947 to amend the Federal Power Act to clarify the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to prescribe just, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory or preferential terms, conditions, and compensation applicable to wholesale demand response resource participation in organized wholesale energy, capacity, and ancillary service markets.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 2,900 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.4 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.

The bill clarifies that the FERC has the legal authority to require regional grid operators in interstate wholesale markets to allow consumers to be compensated for voluntarily reducing their electricity consumption. Allowing industrial companies to participate in demand response provides benefits to the electrical grid, as well as lowers overall electricity costs, improves reliability and efficiency, and reduces emissions.

Thank you for your leadership on this important legislation. We look forward to working with you on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
The Honorable Cheryl A. LaFleur
The Honorable Philip D. Moeller
The Honorable Tony Clark
The Honorable Norman Bay