



Industrial Energy Consumers of America

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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Chair
Energy and Water Development
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House Appropriations Committee
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Simpson
Ranking Member
Energy and Water Development
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House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we strongly support the requested \$80 million in FY 2022 for the U.S. Department of Energy, to invest in research, development, and deployment of technologies that will help the energy-intensive trade-exposed industries decarbonize their manufacturing processes. The amount was authorized in last year's Energy Act of 2020. One hundred percent of our membership are manufacturing companies.

Very little DOE R&D spending is directed toward decarbonizing manufacturing processes despite the fact that we are vital to the U.S. economy and job growth. There are 13 million manufacturing workers, accounting for 8.4 percent of the entire workforce that pay family sustaining wages and benefits that average over \$88,000 per year. There is no sector of the U.S. economy that is more able to contribute to middle class job creation.

Sections 6001-6006 of the Energy Act of 2020 created a cross-cutting research, development, demonstration, and commercial application at the DOE for economic and competitive technologies designed to reduce emissions from non-power industrial sectors.

This funding would represent a small fraction of our nation's research and development budget, but would represent a significant increase in funding towards industrial decarbonization research. Thank you for your support of U.S. manufacturing jobs!

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.1 trillion in annual sales, over 4,200 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.8 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.