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The Honorable Doc Hastings
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
1203 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 2231, the “Offshore and Energy Jobs Act”

Dear Chairman Hastings:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of H.R. 2231, the “Offshore and Energy Jobs Act.”

Expanding domestic production of energy resources creates jobs and increases the affordability of energy for the manufacturing sector. Increasing access to federal lands for natural gas and oil drilling will support increased domestic production. IECA supports an “all-of-the-above” approach for energy production that includes natural gas, oil, coal and renewable energy.

The manufacturing sector consumes one-third of U.S. natural gas and electricity production. Our competitiveness is dependent upon a robust, diverse and affordable supply of energy that allows us to compete globally.

Thank you for your leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.3 trillion in annual sales, over 1,500 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: chemical, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, brewing, and cement.