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The Honorable Ed Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bobby Rush
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 1705, The Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011

Dear Chairman Whitfield and Ranking Member Rush:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we urge passage of H.R. 1705, the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011. It is vitally important that the cumulative and incremental impacts of federal regulations imposed upon industry be analyzed carefully for both new and existing regulations.

The cost of existing and new regulations are impacting our ability to compete globally. US manufacturing has lost 5.7 million jobs or 32 percent in ten years. According to the US Department of Commerce, the trade deficit in 2010 rose to \$414 billion, the largest increase in a decade, a sign that manufacturing is still losing relative competitiveness.

IECA companies are supportive of doing their part to be strong environmental stewards but we must do so using cost-effective approaches. Analyses of the implication of regulations are critically needed so that policy makers understand the potential trade-offs between the regulatory approach taken, and its impact to jobs and economic growth.

We look forward to working with you on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$800 billion in annual sales and with more than 750,000 employees nationwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through research, 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: plastics, cement, paper, food processing, brick, chemicals, fertilizer, insulation, steel, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, aluminum and brewing.