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“IECA Applauds Passage of H.R. 2250, EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011”

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we applaud the passage of H.R. 2250, the “EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011.”

This legislation will preserve hundreds of thousands of jobs currently at risk from EPA’s Boiler MACT rules. Having lost 5.7 million manufacturing jobs since 2000, the cost effectiveness of regulations are not a luxury, they are an absolute necessity to job retention and creation.

IECA member companies are not opposing meeting the goals of the Clean Air Act. We are opposing the unnecessarily costly approach proposed by the EPA that threatens competitiveness of manufacturing facilities and the potential for facility shut-downs. Also, more time is needed for compliance. This legislation gives EPA the time they requested to the court to re-propose and finalize new rules so that standards and timelines for reducing emissions from industrial boilers and incinerators are achievable for real world facilities.

Today’s vote was another step to protect jobs and competitiveness, and we strongly urge the Senate to act on the EPA Regulatory Relief Act as soon as possible.

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.