



**Industrial Energy Consumers of America**  
*The Voice of the Industrial Energy Consumers*

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The Honorable Lamar Smith  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2409 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Collin C. Peterson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2211 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Smith and Peterson:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), I want to thank you for your leadership on regulatory reform and H.R. 3010, the Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011.

IECA member companies are supportive of responsible cost-effective regulation. Unfortunately, over time, our regulatory process has become too cumbersome and expensive. It is timely to revisit how regulations are devised and implemented to keep costs down and benefits up. It is for this reason that we support H.R. 3010. The legislation sets up a system of checks and balances that will assure better regulation.

Smarter regulation is needed. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Paul Cicio  
President

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*The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$700 billion in annual sales and with more than 650,000 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.*