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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
U.S. Senate

Re: S.J. Res. 26, a joint resolution disapproving a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the endangerment finding under section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act

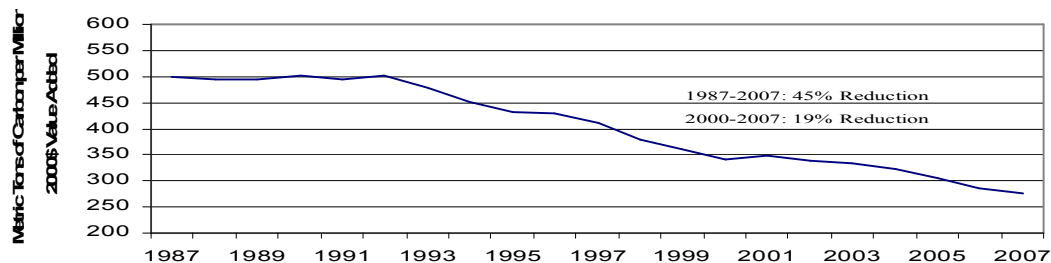
Dear Senator Murkowski:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), thank you for your leadership with the introduction of S.J. Res. 26, a joint resolution disapproving a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the endangerment finding and the cause or contribute findings for greenhouse gases under section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act. We support this resolution.

Congress must not let the EPA usurp its policymaking role. EPA should not determine what energy sources will be used, how much energy will be used and by whom without regard to the price of electricity, natural gas, and gasoline for all consumers, and without consideration to economic growth or national security.

IECA member companies use substantial quantities of electricity and natural gas to manufacture products and compete globally. We are proud that our companies are some of the most energy efficient in the world and because of global competitive pressures this trend is likely to continue. The chart below illustrates that the industrial sector has reduced its carbon intensity by 45 percent since 1987. This proves that a GHG cap or mandate is not needed for continued progress.

U.S. Industrial Sector - Carbon Intensity

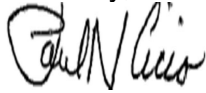


However, it is critical that energy prices in the US are globally competitive so that we can compete; grow our businesses and increase jobs and exports. Letting the EPA regulate GHGs will lead to increased business uncertainty and substantially increased energy and compliance costs in a time when we are still struggling to recover from a global recession.

IECA is on record supporting cost-effective action that would reduce GHGs through energy efficiency, including several non-cap and trade policy options that will increase jobs and competitiveness of the manufacturing sector.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Paul N. Cicio
President

U.S. Senate

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$900 billion in annual sales and with more than 850,000 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.