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The Honorable Tim Murphy
U.S. House of Representatives
2332 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Manufacturers Urge Support for Amendment #12 to the Energy Consumer Relief Act of 2013 (H.R. 1582) which Addresses the Social Cost of Carbon

Dear Representative Murphy:

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) supports Amendment #12 to the Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013 (H.R. 1582) prohibiting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from using the “social cost of carbon” (SCC) valuation in its rulemakings. There is bipartisan concern over the Administration’s theoretical social cost of carbon calculation that was determined without transparency and without consideration to the benefits of manufacturing use of fossil fuels to economic growth, exports and job creation. Unfortunately, the social cost of carbon stops being theoretical when it is applied to regulations and will increase costs to manufacturers and impact competitiveness and jobs.

The manufacturing sector’s GHG emissions are 9.6 percent below 1990 levels. This is outstanding performance and is a clear confirmation that U.S. companies are taking action to reduce their carbon emissions through capital spending projects that improve their energy efficiency. Unfortunately, when arbitrary regulatory costs like the social cost of carbon are imposed through regulations, it increases the cost of regulation and skews energy markets.

This amendment would not allow EPA to use the SCC figure in a cost-benefit analysis for a rulemaking unless Congress approved its use. We thank you for your leadership and urge all Members of Congress to support this amendment.

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.