

March 28, 2023

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

We, the undersigned trade associations, representing hundreds of thousands of businesses across the nation that collectively employ millions of Americans and add trillions of dollars to the U.S. economy, write to express our support of H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act.

America's success and leadership depend on a strong, competitive manufacturing industry, which employs 13 million people and adds more than \$2.8 trillion to the U.S. economy. Some of the biggest obstacles preventing manufacturers—and therefore the entire American economy—from reaching our full potential are the permitting delays, red tape and complicated bureaucracy that have plagued us for decades. Today, though, as we work to modernize our infrastructure and shore up our supply chains, the need for reform is more urgent than ever.

The Lower Energy Costs Act takes significant strides to increase the production and export of American energy and reduce the regulatory burdens that make it harder to build major infrastructure through comprehensive permitting reform. Increasing domestic energy production, bolstering domestic production and processing of critical minerals, streamlining energy infrastructure and exports and enacting broad permitting reform all while maintaining the highest levels of environmental stewardship are critical for U.S. manufacturers and businesses.

It is crucial that Congress pass H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. Energy security and permitting affects every aspect of our lives—from our economic security to our national security. If we fail to utilize domestic natural resources and modernize permitting processes, the U.S. will fall behind international competitors that are taking every possible step to incentivize business and manufacturing development.

Sincerely,

AICC, The Independent Packaging Association	Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire
Alaska Chamber	California Manufacturers & Technology Association
Alliance of Wyoming Manufacturers	CBIA
The Aluminum Association	Council of Industrial Boiler Owners (CIBO)
American Chemistry Council	Colorado Chamber of Commerce
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute	Composite Panel Association
American Forest & Paper Association	Consumer Technology Association
American Foundry Society	Council of Industry (NY)
American Frozen Food Institute	ECIA - Electronic Components Industry Association
American Petroleum Institute	Georgia Association of Manufacturing
Arkansas State Chamber/Associated Industries of Arkansas	Graphic Media Alliance, Inc.
Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Greater North Dakota Chamber
Arizona Manufacturers Council	The Hardwood Federation
Associated Equipment Distributors	Household & Commercial Products Association
Associated Industries of Florida	
Associated Industries of Missouri	
Association of Washington Business	

Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
INDA, The Association of the Nonwoven
Fabrics Industry
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers
Association
Indiana Manufacturers Association
Industrial Truck Association
Institute of Makers of Explosives
International Sign Association
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Kansas Chamber and the Kansas
Manufacturing Council
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Manufacturers Association of Central New
York, Inc. (MACNY)
Maine State Chamber of Commerce
ManufactureCT
Metals Service Center Institute
Michigan Manufacturers Association
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Mississippi Manufacturers Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Tooling and Machining Association
National Waste & Recycling Association
Natural Gas Supply Association
NC Chamber
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Nevada Manufacturers Association
New Jersey Business and Industry Association
(NJBIA)
New Mexico Business Coalition
Next Generation Manufacturing
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society
North American Association of Food
Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance (NCMA)
Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers
Association
The Ohio Manufacturer's Association
Oregon Business & Industry
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association
Plastics Pipe Institute
Precision Metalforming Association (PMA)
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and
Affiliates (SOCMA)
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
South Dakota Chamber of Commerce
The State Chamber of Oklahoma
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Texas Association of Business
Utah Manufacturers Association
Valley Industrial Association (IL)
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
West Virginia Manufacturers Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC)