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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper Chairman Committee on Environment and Public Works 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito Ranking Member Committee on Environment and Public Works 456 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Manufacturers Support Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy (ADVANCE) Act

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support the "Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy (ADVANCE) Act," which would enhance United States civil nuclear leadership, support the licensing of advanced nuclear technologies, strengthen the domestic nuclear energy fuel cycle and supply chain, and improve the regulation of nuclear energy.

It is critical that we advance nuclear technology to replace existing units and to increase nuclear electricity generating capacity to serve our nation's growth in electricity demand. Nuclear energy is both reliable and clean.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

cc: U.S. Senate

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.3 trillion in annual sales, over 12,000 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.9 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: chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing,

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fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, consumer goods, building products, automotive, independent oil refining, and cement.