The Honorable Thomas Carper  
513 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James Inhofe  
205 Russell Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Carper and Senator Inhofe,

We are writing to thank you for your bi-partisan amendment to the Energy Policy Modernization Act (S. 2012) adding waste heat resources to the definition of renewable energy in the federal purchase requirement established in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. We are grateful for your bi-partisan leadership in expanding opportunities for clean and efficient distributed generation, including waste heat to power (WHP). By explicitly stating that waste heat is a qualified resource, Senate Amendment 3145 allows the federal government to include this recycled energy in its federal purchase requirements, helping to lower emissions and save taxpayers’ money.

We look forward to helping the Energy Policy Modernization Act become law and in continuing to work with your offices to explore – and overcome - barriers to deploying distributed energy sources.

Sincerely,

Jennifer R. Kefer  
Executive Director, Alliance for Industrial Efficiency

The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency is a coalition of business, labor and environmental organizations that are committed to encouraging the use of CHP and WHP to enhance U.S. manufacturing competitiveness, increase energy efficiency, and improve the environment. CHP systems generate heat and power simultaneously, which provides for greater energy efficiency. CHP systems also generate power onsite, providing industrial users with greater energy security during disruptions to the electric grid. WHP systems capture wasted heat resources from high-heat industrial processes, such as those employed by steel and paper mills, and convert the waste heat into electric power with no incremental emissions.