



August 4, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C., 20510

Dear Senator Merkley,

The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency (hereafter “the Alliance”) is writing to offer our endorsement and convey our appreciation for your leadership in sponsoring the Job Creation through Energy Efficient Manufacturing Act of 2017 ([S. 1687](#)). The Alliance is a diverse coalition representing the business, environmental, labor, and contractor communities and is committed to enhancing manufacturing competitiveness through the use of combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP). This bill provides critical funding support for clean and renewable energy sources – like CHP and WHP – that cut emissions and costs for U.S. manufacturers. In this way, the bill will help encourage greater use of these technologies, despite up-front capital costs.

We commend you for proposing legislation that provides funds to states for the creation of programs that support energy-efficient retrofits for projects – like CHP and WHP – that lower natural gas and electricity use. By using a single source to generate both heat and power, a CHP facility can be twice as efficient as traditional power generation, reducing costs for industrial users, which account for about one-third of total U.S. energy demand. By improving the efficiency of industrial plants, the Job Creation through Energy Efficiency Manufacturing Act will lower energy costs, make America’s manufacturers more competitive, and create jobs

The Alliance looks forward to working with you to pass the Job Creation through Energy Efficient Manufacturing Act of 2017. We are very grateful for your efforts to advance industrial efficiency.

Sincerely,

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