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The Honorable Adam Kinzinger
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The Honorable Paul Tonko
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The Honorable David McKinley
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The Honorable Peter Welch
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Dear Representatives Kinzinger, McKinley, Tonko, and Welch,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Alliance for Industrial Efficiency to thank you for co-sponsoring the CHP Support Act (HR 6949). This legislation will help promote the deployment of combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) systems by authorizing a network of ten Technical Assistance Partnerships (TAPs) to provide education, assessments, and guidance to potential project hosts through 2022. The CHP Support Act will allow for continued support for potential and existing CHP and WHP projects, increasing the certainty of success and therefore the interest in and installation of these systems. Your bipartisan leadership is instrumental to the future of these technologies.

CHP is a proven and effective energy resource that can help efficiently address current and future energy needs. Approximately 83-gigawatts of CHP are currently installed in the United States, accounting for 12-percent of U.S. electricity generation. Each year, this installed capacity decreases U.S. energy use by nearly 1.9-quadrillion Btus, reducing costs for American businesses, hospitals and universities. But tremendous potential for energy savings remains. In fact, the Department of Energy has identified 149 GW of remaining technical potential for CHP installations.

The CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships, which are authorized in the CHP Support Act, will help realize this potential. Doing so will enhance manufacturing competitiveness at future host facilities as well as create job opportunities in the design, construction, installation, and maintenance of equipment. What's more, because CHP projects can operate independently of the grid, they can enhance electric reliability during natural or manmade outages. The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency appreciates your efforts to enhance American manufacturing competitiveness, reduce energy costs, increase job creation, and improve electric reliability and looks forward to working with you to enact the CHP Support Act.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kefer
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The Alliance is a diverse coalition of business, labor, and non-profit organizations that advocate for policies that increase U.S. manufacturing competitiveness through industrial energy efficiency, especially the use of CHP and WHP.