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The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
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Dear Chairman Murkowski, Ranking Member Manchin, Chairman Cassidy and Ranking Member Heinrich,

We are delighted by the bipartisan leadership of Senators King and Collins in introducing the **CHP Support Act** (S. 2425) to authorize Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Technical Assistance Partnerships (TAPs). We are writing to you on behalf of the Alliance to Save Energy (ASE), American Chemistry Council (ACC), the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), and the Combined Heat and Power Alliance to thank the Subcommittee on Energy for holding a hearing on this important, timely, and non-controversial legislation providing continued authorization of the CHP TAPs and related support activities at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The CHP TAPs and related activities at DOE encourage the use of technologies that reduce energy use, save consumers money, increase economic competitiveness, enhance electric reliability, and reduce emissions at the nation's hospitals, universities, and manufacturing sites. We urge members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to further these important national priorities by advancing this bill to the Senate floor.

The TAPs and supporting activities at DOE have long received bipartisan support and continued funding since 2001. Unfortunately, the underlying authorization for this program was inadvertently allowed to expire in 2012. The CHP Support Act reauthorizes the program for five years, at \$12,000,000 for each fiscal year to ensure its continued operation and effectiveness in the years ahead. This is consistent with current levels of funding for these activities.

Since their inception, the CHP TAPs have educated potential end users and the public about the benefits of CHP and waste heat to power (WHP), encouraging greater use of these economically and environmentally beneficial technologies. This national network identifies markets for CHP and WHP, offers education and outreach about CHP and WHP potential, and

provides technical assistance to end users to help determine if these technologies are a good fit for their facilities.

DOE has identified 149 gigawatts of remaining technical potential for CHP in the United States – the energy equivalent of nearly 300 large conventional power plants. The CHP TAPs and the complementary activities at DOE are helping realize this tremendous potential, enhancing manufacturing competitiveness and encouraging job creation in the design, construction, installation, and maintenance of CHP and WHP equipment.

The Alliance to Save Energy, American Chemistry Council, ACEEE, and Combined Heat and Power Alliance respectfully request the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee continue supporting the CHP TAPs and favorably report the CHP Support Act to the Senate floor.

Sincerely,



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