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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Fred Upton
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The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
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The Honorable Rob Bishop
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The Honorable Raül Grijalva
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Dear Chairman Murkowski, Chairman Upton, Chairman Bishop, Ranking Member Cantwell, Ranking Member Pallone, and Ranking Member Grijalva:

We are writing today to lend our support to Section 1202 and 1203 in the Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015 (S. 2012), as passed by the Senate, which will facilitate innovation, enhance energy savings and improve the global competitiveness of American manufacturers through the use of smart manufacturing technologies and processes. The companies and associations below support and urge swift passage of this initiative.

The language, which was modified from the Smart Manufacturing Leadership Act of 2015, will provide assistance to domestic small- and medium-sized manufacturers as they implement smart manufacturing initiatives in their facilities. We are also supportive of any efforts to add accelerated adoption of international energy management system standards and opportunities for federally operated manufacturing facilities to receive certification under an international ISO 50001 energy management standard.

The utilization of informed data and advanced communication technologies to integrate all aspects of manufacturing is primed to transform the US industrial sector at a time when we are seeing positive changes in terms of jobs returning and new investments arising in our manufacturing sector. The global economy will demand a modernized manufacturing sector and we want to make sure that America is part of this new global marketplace. Now is the optimal time to be adopting best approaches and methodologies for this integration through our existing resources at the Department of Energy, our federal lab system, as well as other resources.

Trisha Knych, VP Government Relations, Schneider Electric North America said the following about the Smart Manufacturing Leadership Act: "Small and medium-sized manufacturers often don't see a clear

path to deploy energy efficiency projects for a myriad of reasons. However, solutions are in place today to help them improve their energy efficiency and leverage their energy spend to reinvest in their businesses, and in turn the US economy. The Smart Manufacturing Leadership Act offers a pathway to support these efforts.”

In conclusion, we thank you and support your efforts to pass energy efficiency such as those found in Sections 1202 and 1203 of S. 2012, the comprehensive energy bill, as passed by the Senate. We look forward to working with each of you over the next several months to enact important legislation in this Congress for the benefit of our nation’s manufacturers.

Sincerely,

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Johnson Controls
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