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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
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President Biden,

Your administration’s experts and available data have made it clear that our nation’s electric grid is increasingly vulnerable, with heat waves, hurricanes, wildfires and Russia’s continued war in Ukraine keeping energy markets tight in the summer months. Manufacturers rely on electric stability, meaning power failures would exacerbate the supply chain disruptions and inflation that American families are already enduring.

As manufacturers have urged since we championed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, it is imperative to prioritize the Department of Energy’s implementation of the law’s $2.5 billion of grid modernization investments as well as other grid reliability initiatives. Additionally, as some of the nation’s largest consumers of electricity and producers of inputs vital to a healthy grid, manufacturers have valuable perspectives to add to policy discussions and advisory committees at the federal, regional, state and local levels.

Consistent with your Permitting Action Plan, your administration can streamline permitting processes for all energy sources as well as critical minerals, materials and chemicals. This includes committing to on- and offshore energy production and mining on federal lands and waters to ensure reliable sources of fuels and minerals. Such actions will strengthen domestic fuel supplies and supply chains that support electricity production, transmission and delivery to communities across our country.

Finally, we urge your administration and the nation’s governors to work with manufacturers and electric utilities to support all available electric generation-ready options. We have long supported an all-of-the-above energy approach, but renewable energy sources alone are incapable of meeting the demand created by increasing electrification. DOE and North American Electric Reliability Corporation experts predict that existing fossil and nuclear generation, which produces more than two-thirds of our nation’s electricity, will be critical to power generation for decades to come.

Manufacturers are counting on your leadership to ensure we have affordable, reliable electricity so our industry can remain competitive. We stand ready to work with you and our nation’s governors to ensure Americans have the electric security we need.

Sincerely,

National Association of Manufacturers
Alaska Chamber
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/Associated Industries of Arkansas
Arizona Manufacturers Council
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
Colorado Chamber of Commerce
Associated Industries of Florida
Georgia Association of Manufacturers
Chamber of Commerce Hawaii
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Illinois Manufacturers’ Association
Kansas Chamber
Kentucky Association of Manufacturers
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Associated Industries of Massachusetts
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Manufacturers Association
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Mississippi Manufacturers Association
Montana Chamber of Commerce
NC Chamber
Greater North Dakota Chamber
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire
New Jersey Business & Industry Association
New Mexico Business Coalition
The Business Council of New York State, Inc.
Nevada Manufacturers Association
The Ohio Manufacturers’ Association
State Chamber of Oklahoma
Oregon Business & Industry
Pennsylvania Manufacturers’ Association
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
Tennessee Chamber and Manufacturers Association
Texas Association of Business
Utah Manufacturers Association
Virginia Manufacturers Association
Associated Industries of Vermont
Association of Washington Business
West Virginia Manufacturers Association
Alliance of Wyoming Manufacturers