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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Reid:

Each of our companies has its own views on energy and climate legislation; each of our industries faces unique challenges; and each of our companies has worked on the relevant issues in various forums and through various associations. However, we have also been working on a consistent, principled, multi-industry approach to the “carbon leakage” issue through the Energy-Intensive Manufacturers' Working Group on Greenhouse-Gas Regulation.

As you know, energy-intensive and trade-exposed manufacturing and industrial companies present special challenges with respect to comprehensive clean energy legislation. Such legislation must maintain and improve American manufacturing competitiveness while reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and we must exercise great care not to inadvertently cause carbon leakage—the phenomenon by which production and pollution move to countries without comparable greenhouse-gas regulations.

We support the principles of and are encouraged by the April 15th letter authored by Senators Brown, Stabenow, Levin, Casey, Specter, Warner, McCaskill, Bayh, Hagan and Byrd, all of whom have shown an understanding of the leakage issue and concern for maintaining a level playing field for energy-intensive and trade-exposed industries. We are confident that these senators will help fashion legislation that preserves American manufacturing competitiveness and American jobs. We greatly appreciate their efforts and their leadership and we look forward to continuing to work closely with them.

You are well aware of the conditions we must express with respect to our position on complex, multi-faceted legislation that is still in a formative stage. Our final judgment will depend on the final bill as a whole. While each of us does not necessarily endorse each and every aspect of the ten-senator letter, we believe that the provisions outlined in it generally provide a very promising structure for the maintenance of American manufacturing competitiveness and a level playing field for our companies. This is a significant advance.

Our companies will continue our active involvement, and, again, we commend the efforts represented by the letter from Senator Brown and his colleagues.

Sincerely,

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