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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, DC 20500

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