



March 12, 2019

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Smart Manufacturing Leadership Act

Dear Senators Shaheen and Alexander,

The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency applauds the leadership you have shown by introducing the *Smart Manufacturing Leadership Act*. The legislation would direct the Department of Energy to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs.

By improving the productivity and the energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector, the *Smart Manufacturing Leadership Act* would help manufacturers create jobs and secure a more competitive position in the marketplace, and your legislation is estimated to save consumers \$5 billion in energy costs and reduce carbon emissions equivalent to taking 116 million cars off the road by 2040.

The Alliance is a diverse coalition that includes representatives from the business, environmental, labor, and contractor communities. Our coalition is committed to enhancing manufacturing competitiveness and reducing emissions through industrial energy efficiency, particularly through the use of clean and efficient power generating systems such as combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP).

We are pleased to support this bipartisan legislation promoting American manufacturing competitiveness and reducing emissions through increased energy efficiency in the industrial sector.

We commend you for your leadership in this area and encourage others to support this important proposal.

Sincerely,

David Gardiner
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