



The Industrial Heating Equipment Association (IHEA) would like to commend Senators Shaheen and Portman for their thoughtful and intelligent work in drafting the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2014, first introduced on May 12, 2011. The IHEA organization, as well as its member companies, looks forward to working with you to ensure this important piece of legislation becomes law.

IHEA membership includes 50 companies that produce furnaces; ovens; dryers; heaters; heating equipment; kilns; induction and dielectric apparatus; coke ovens; tanks for melting glass; salt bath furnaces; industrial combustion equipment; accessories for all the foregoing; and auxiliary equipment such as atmosphere generators, process controls, quenching apparatus, equipment for heat recovery and industrial washers.

This equipment is involved in a broad range of economic activity and is necessary to support a wide cross-section of industries and processes. These include but are not limited to, heat treating of metal parts, curing paint for automobiles and many other products, roasting coffee beans, drying foods and textiles, melting and glass production, asphalt production and the smelting of aluminum and other metals, just to name a few.

The equipment produced by IHEA member companies, and others in the industry are a core consumer of energy. The Energy Information Agency reports that a consistent 31% of natural gas consumed in the USA is used in industrial processes.

We commend the provisions that reform the national model building codes to increase energy efficiency as well as establish financing coordination through the Department of Energy EERE to support private investment in energy efficiency improvements. By empowering the private sector to proactively improve efficiency, we create an environment that also encourages growth in our economy.

Furthermore, the legislation offers innovative programs focused on worker training and capacity building through the authorization of DOE grants to institutes of higher education to fund programs for career skills training for industry certified installation of energy efficient technologies. As with all 21<sup>st</sup> Century companies, IHEA member companies face the challenge of identifying American jobseekers with the requisite skills to meet the challenges of a new economy.

Increased efficiency and access to stable natural gas supplies in North America will go a long way toward US energy security and offer strong encouragement for IHEA members and their customers to grow and expand here at home.

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