The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency

The following is a statement by Alliance for Industrial Efficiency Executive Director David Gardiner on the Smart Energy Act, H.R. 4017, introduced yesterday by Reps. Bass (R-NH), Matheson (D-UT), Welch (D-VT), Barrow (D-GA), Dold (R-IL), and Fitzpatrick (R-PA):

"The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency strongly supports the introduction of the Smart Energy Act, H.R. 4017, and is particularly pleased with the inclusion of a national goal that would double the production of electricity from combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat recovery (WHR) by 2020. We applaud Representatives Bass (R-NH), Matheson (D-UT), Welch (D-VT), Barrow (D-GA), Dold (R-IL), and Fitzpatrick (R-PA) for joining together to recognize that combined heat and power and waste heat recovery could save substantial amounts of energy and money, make American manufacturing more competitive globally, and help create one million jobs here at home. These jobs – designing, installing, constructing and maintaining equipment – will help employment in the construction industry, where unemployment is more than twice the national average.

"Last month, the Alliance for Industrial Efficiency joined more than 200 businesses urging Congress to "Harness the Heat" and make American industry more efficient. The Smart Energy Act reiterates this challenge. The Act has already secured bipartisan support because industrial energy efficiency makes good economic sense. The ambitious goal embodied in the Smart Energy Act sends a strong signal to manufacturers that our nation can – and should – produce more CHP and WHR.

To this end, Congress should adopt the bipartisan Bass-Matheson measure to double use of CHP and WHR by 2020 as soon as possible."

The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency is a diverse coalition that includes representatives from the business, environmental, labor and contractor communities. We are committed to enhancing manufacturing competitiveness and saving energy and money through industrial energy efficiency, particularly in the form of clean and efficient CHP and WHR. For more, visit: http://www.dgardiner.com/alliance.htm