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The Honorable Ed Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bobby Rush
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Whitfield and Ranking Member Rush:

As an industry undergoing a historic expansion due to plentiful, affordable natural gas, we would like to restate our support for H.R. 3826, the “Electricity Security and Affordability Act.” Your bill will help ensure America has a true “all-of-the-above” energy strategy so that U.S. manufacturers can expand, innovate and create jobs.

The business of chemistry is a key part of the nation’s economy and one of its largest exporters. We provide 784,000 skilled jobs all across our country. Energy is critical to our industry, as we use energy inputs, mainly natural gas and natural gas liquids, as our major fuel source and feedstock. Many of our processes require large amounts of electricity, which we produce onsite and purchase from electric utilities or other suppliers.

EPA’s plans to regulate greenhouse gas emissions at power plants could significantly affect energy markets, including the cost, availability and reliability of natural gas and electricity. H.R. 3826 offers a sensible approach, setting separate standards for different fuel types and allowing continued development of CCS technology without mandating its use until deployment by at least six units at different commercial locations in the U.S.

We commend the bipartisan effort that led to H.R. 3826 and urge the House to approve the bill when it comes up for a vote this week.

Sincerely,

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