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As Congress considers additional legislation on energy tax policy this year, the 24 undersigned companies and organizations strongly encourage you to clarify that the existing Section 48 investment tax credit for combined heat and power (CHP) includes waste heat to power (WHP) as well.

WHP captures heat from industrial processes that would otherwise be vented into the atmosphere and uses it to generate electricity with no additional fuel, combustion, or emissions. As such, it turns waste heat into a resource for clean electricity generation and an economic driver for global competitiveness. WHP can also help address critical public policy objectives related to increasing industrial efficiency and reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and criteria pollutants.

We applaud the Senate Finance Committee's approval last year of bi-partisan legislation making a technical correction to Section 48 and clarifying that WHP is a qualifying technology (S. 913). The bill addresses the unique attributes of WHP that distinguish it from CHP, and provides critical parity with other power sources eligible for the ITC.

S. 913 will reduce the cost of WHP technologies, diversify our nation's energy mix, create on site power while lowering fuel use and emissions, and promote enhanced competition among all of our nation's energy sources. We therefore urge Congress to include this clarification in any additional energy tax legislation this year.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to working with you to bring the many benefits of WHP to the Nation's clean power generation mix.

The Heat is Power Association (HiP) is the trade association for the waste heat to power (WHP) industry. WHP uses waste heat from industrial processes to generate electricity with no additional fuel, no combustion, and no incremental emissions. HiP educates decision makers about clean energy from waste heat and advocates for policies that provide parity for WHP with other sources of emission-free power like wind and solar.

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