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Ranking Member Brendan Boyle  
House Budget Committee  
204 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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**Re: Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025**

Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA), a national consumer advocate focused on the impacts energy policy has on families, small business and consumers, writes to voice its support to the House Budget Committee and budget items within the Committee's resolution that coincide with H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. H.R.1 will incentivize American companies to produce energy in an environmentally responsible way that reduces costs for American consumers and eliminates spending that further decreases access to affordable and reliable energy.

CEA is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization advocating for affordable, reliable and environmentally sustainable energy for all American consumers. Our 370-members are materially impacted by both energy supply and costs. CEA is energy agnostic and does not favor one form of energy over another in the fight for environmentally sustainable, affordable, and reliable energy for all Americans.

Excessive and unnecessary regulation and a lack of coherent energy policy over the last several years has contributed to soaring gasoline, diesel and electricity prices, which, in turn, has helped create our near-record inflation. Still, American consumers face uncertain and unstable energy costs that increasingly impact their household budgets and ability to afford basic necessities. Since this Administration has taken office, overburdensome rules and shortsighted commitments have made it more difficult to access reliable forms of energy and ignore the environmental progress that we have made in the last two decades and stringent standards already in place to promote sustainable energy development.

H.R.1 provides a clear framework that both supports environmental stewardship and recognizes that a pathway to affordable and reliable energy hinges upon sensible regulation, permitting reform, and streamlined processes that allow energy development to thrive in the United States. Furthermore, H.R.1 offers critical support for coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and other important conservation work under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act that bolsters our energy security while promoting safe and sustainable development in our most vital energy-producing states.

CEA will continue to support budgetary appropriations for H.R.1 and similar legislation that works to provide Americans with affordable, reliable and sustainable energy, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide support in this matter.

Sincerely,



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