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VIA EMAIL

To: All Members of the United States House of Representatives

Re: IBEW Opposition to S.J. Res. 38

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the more than 820,000 active and retired members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), I am writing to oppose S.J. Res. 38, the joint resolution of disapproval pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, which would overturn a Buy America waiver to be phased out in July 2024. If enacted, no manufactured products produced for Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers would be subject to Buy America – thanks to a 1983 Reagan-era blanket Buy America waiver for manufactured products – an outcome that would be contrary to the stated intent of the resolution.

The IBEW has 30,000 manufacturing members, many of whom build EV chargers and components, including wire and cable, enclosures, circuit breakers, and transformers, among other things. In addition, the IBEW has approximately 25,000 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP)-certified members in the United States who install and maintain the national EV charging network.

The IBEW's manufacturer and developer partners need certainty to be able to plan and make business decisions. The Infrastructure Jobs and Investment Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-58) required 55 percent of manufactured products and 100 percent of the steel and iron in EV chargers to be made in America. To ensure effective implementation of this new requirement, the Biden administration issued a waiver that would phase out in just eight months from today. United States and U.S.-based EV charging equipment manufacturers and developers have already built their procurement and delivery timelines around this deadline; as a result, overturning the waiver and injecting uncertainty in the process would harm businesses and weaken the ability to create domestic supply chains for infrastructure, like EV chargers.

As the COVID-19 pandemic made clear, maintaining a domestic supply chain for U.S. infrastructure is vital for U.S. national and economic security. S.J. Res. 38 would disrupt the progress that has been made to build a robust domestic EV charging infrastructure and would harm U.S. manufacturing and construction jobs in the process. Given this, I urge you to oppose S.J. Res. 38. If you have any questions, please reach out to Government Affairs Specialist Erica Fein at (202) 549-8368 or by email to erica_fein@ibew.org.

Sincerely yours,


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