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**VIA EMAIL**

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Environment & Public Works  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Ms. Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
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**Re: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Appointment of Matthew  
Marzano**

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

On behalf of the 838,000 active and retired members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), I am writing to respectfully request that the Committee on the Environment and Public Works (EPW) advance the nomination of Matthew Marzano as a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). His confirmation for a five-year term would fill a critical vacancy with a commissioner with years of experience in the nuclear industry.

The IBEW represents more than 15,000 members in the nuclear industry, which is experiencing renewed attention as one of the only carbon-free sources of baseload, 24-7 generating capacity. With his policy and operational experience, Matthew is highly familiar with the issues confronting the industry, including funding for next-generation nuclear technology, licensing renewal for nuclear reactors, and a focus on the human side of this highly regulated sector that is so fundamental to the carbon-free energy goals the Biden-Harris administration is pursuing.

Before moving into relevant policy work as a staff member of this Committee, Matthew Marzano was senior reactor operator at an IBEW-represented Braidwood nuclear-generating station in Braceville, Illinois. A highly distinguished and respected position within commercial nuclear power, the senior reactor operator holds the crucial responsibility of watch stander who maintains the safe operation of the reactor.

As a staff member of the EPW Committee, Matthew helped develop the Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy (ADVANCE) Act, bipartisan legislation that will provide a major boost to the future of nuclear energy in America, which was passed by the Congress and signed into law in July. As you know, this law will strengthen national security,



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lower greenhouse gas emissions, and create thousands of new jobs while ensuring the continued safety of nuclear power.

The country's single largest source of emissions-free energy, nuclear power represents 20 percent of the country's electric generation and accounts for 55 percent of all clean energy produced in the United States.

A full panel of commissioners is essential for the NRC to address regulatory matters while performing its duty of protecting the public. Matthew's diverse experience will spur innovation and offer experience from inside a nuclear control room as the NRC works to support wide-scale nuclear deployment across the United States at a pivotal and transformative moment.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth W. Cooper".

Kenneth W. Cooper  
International President

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