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**VIA EMAIL**

To: All Members of the United States House of Representatives

**Re: Opposition to H.R. 1**

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of 860,000 active and retired members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), I write to oppose H.R. 1 because it turns its back on the people who power this country in order to shovel tax breaks to the rich.

H.R. 1 forfeits economic opportunities in energy and infrastructure while providing no clear benefit to working families or their communities. Moreover, the bill will dramatically increase energy bills for every household, drain local communities of the jobs they rely on, endanger grid reliability, and put the country at a competitive disadvantage with our foreign adversaries, instead of investing in energy independence at home.

Furthermore, the draconian cuts to Medicaid contained in H.R. 1 will undercut IBEW members' and retirees' health care. While few IBEW members are direct beneficiaries of Medicaid, the tremendous damage and financial pressure the country's health care system will face from the cuts will result in IBEW members, retirees, and family members facing increased out-of-pocket health care costs and fewer provider choices given the expected closure of up to 300 hospitals around the country.

Put simply, this bill will cost hundreds of thousands of good-paying construction jobs, billions of work hours, hundreds of billions in lost wages, increased health care expenses, and worse health care outcomes for members of the IBEW and America's middle class.

On behalf of the IBEW, I urge you to oppose H.R. 1, a bill that asks working families to sacrifice their futures to enrich billionaires and their corporations. To that end, IBEW will be scoring your vote. Please contact Government Affairs Department Director Dean Warsh at (202) 728-6046 or by email to [GovernmentAffairs@IBEW.org](mailto:GovernmentAffairs@IBEW.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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

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