



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

LOCAL UNION 111

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Dear Chairman Valdez and Committee Members:

As Business Manager of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 111, a Union representing over 4200 members throughout the state of Colorado, a majority working in the utility sector, I would like to inform you that we are in support of House Bill 22-1020.

With the utility sector changing at a pace never seen before, this change directly impacts the jobs of our members. IBEW, Local Union 111 does not have the resources to attend every city council meeting, county commissioner meeting, or government agency meeting in the state. However, we must preserve affordable energy options for Colorado citizens, and make sure that any changes we make are done in thoughtful consideration of factors such as the availability of viable technology, affordable rates for consumers, and the protection of the jobs our critical utility workforce performs on behalf of the public.

Creating legislation and policy for the energy sector is not easy and there is extraordinary considerations when doing so. Obviously, while the effect on our climate is of great importance, the effects on working people and their communities is vitally important. This legislation would preserve ALL options for energy generation in our laws, and help protect the hundreds of gas distribution workers we represent as we continue to work through the difficult issues of transitioning away from fossil fuels.

Since there is so much at stake for our members working in the utility sector, I encourage you to support HB22-1020. This legislation gives the members of IBEW, Local Union 111 a voice in their future.

Respectfully,

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