



July 2, 2020

Dear Member of Congress:

Your office recently received a “Dear Colleague” letter from Representatives Linda Sanchez (D-CA), Donald Norcross (D-NJ), and David McKinley (R-WV), seeking your support for a House resolution they plan to introduce to designate July 10, 2020, as Journeyman Lineworker Recognition Day. On behalf of the organizations we represent—the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the Edison Electric Institute (EEI)—we ask that you co-sponsor this resolution.

IBEW represents more than 775,000 active and retired members. EEI represents our nation’s investor-owned electric companies, which serve more than 220 million Americans in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. IBEW and EEI share a strong labor-management partnership and join together to celebrate our nation’s lineworkers on July 10 each year.

Electricity and the energy grid are indispensable to our society, and we commend Congress for recognizing the essential work of our nation’s highly skilled lineworkers in building and maintaining the grid. When disasters like hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires strike, lineworkers are among the first on the scene, restoring power and a sense of normalcy to those who have been impacted.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we all have been reminded of the value of electricity and the critical role of the electric power industry. We are proud that our mission-essential workers have continued to work around the clock to keep the lights on for the customers and communities they serve.

Please join your colleagues in recognizing these extraordinarily talented and hard-working men and women. They are an inspiration, and their tireless efforts—often amid difficult circumstances and personal hardships—demonstrate the strength of our shared commitment to our customers.

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