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VIA EMAIL

To: All Members of the United States House of Representatives

Re: Request to Cosponsor the National Child Identification Act

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the over 775,000 active and retired members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), I ask you to cosponsor H.R. 1764, the National Child Identification Act. This legislation, introduced by Representative's Donald Norcross (D-NJ) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), would support a longstanding program to aid law enforcement officials and parents in identifying children who go missing or run away.

The National Child Identification Program was started in 1997 in response to the growing number of children who run away or are abducted in the United States. The IBEW became involved with the National Child Identification Program when one of our member's children went missing and our union learned about the importance of child identification kits to help identify children. The National Child Identification Act would support the distribution of child ID kits free of charge to local law enforcement for distribution to parents of children who attend kindergarten or elementary school. Under the program, parents safely store their children's sensitive identification information at home, keeping their children's identification information entirely private. This will help give law enforcement and parents important tools when a child goes missing and every minute counts.

The IBEW urges every House Member to cosponsor this bipartisan legislation and support this valuable resource to help our children when it is needed most. To cosponsor the National Child Identification Act or for more information, please contact Katherine Lee in Representative Norcross's office at katherine.lee@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Lonnie R. Stephenson
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