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Premier Danielle Smith  
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Dear Premier Smith,

### **RE: Moratorium on Renewable Energy Projects**

IBEW Local 424 supports government policy that ensures worker safety, supporting Apprenticeships and meeting electrical requirements under the Canadian Electrical Code (CEC). The use of unskilled labour and unsafe conditions on the current projects is concerning and is not in the best interests of the Electrical Industry.

To be clear it is our position that the use of unskilled labour on any of these large-scale projects is a concern to us, as is the fact that many workers are not being paid a fair wage for their skillset. It is our hope that this moratorium will be an opportunity for the provincial government to consult with ourselves and other industry experts on how to build the best projects possible that are in the interests of all Albertans.

The pathway to building a new green economy must be done safely, and in consultation with industry experts from the Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta (ECAA), Electrical Inspectors Association of Alberta (EIAA), Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) and Labour Unions from the Building Trades of Alberta (BTA) to ensure the best possible safe work practices and building code requirements are followed.

We all have a responsibility to ensure that any new construction, green energy or otherwise is done by highly skilled trades people using the best practices possible to ensure the health and safety of all Albertans involved.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and remain available to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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