

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELF \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION X

DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ON  
LEGISLATION (BILL NUMBER): HB 178  
SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SUBJECT MATTER: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU FAVOR X OR OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION REGARDING THIS ISSUE?

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS ON WHICH YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE SUCH ENACTMENT: Maintain high paying nuclear jobs and economic support to the community and state.

WILL YOU HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT, VISUAL AIDS, OR OTHER MATERIAL TO DISTRIBUTE?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

(IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES TO THE CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY)

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOUR TESTIMONY REQUIRE? Written only

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# International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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May 9, 2017

Chairman Seitz, Vice Chair Carfagna, Ranking Member Ashford and members of the House Public Utilities Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support to House Bill 178. I am Larry Tscherne, Business Manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 245. Local 245 represents more than 800 electrical professionals across Northwest Ohio, including 218 Maintenance, Warehouse, Operations, Chemistry and Radiation Protection professionals who work full-time at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. IBEW Local 1413 represents another approximately 160 security personnel. On behalf of union workers across Ohio, I submit testimony expressing our strong support for House Bill 178, which establishes the Zero Emissions Nuclear Resources Program.

Ohio's nuclear power plants have a positive impact on the livelihoods of thousands of workers across the state and on the economic well-being of the areas in which they operate. In addition to the 517 union members along with the hundreds of non-represented employees who work full-time at the state's two nuclear plants, thousands of additional union contractors assist the plants each year with special improvement projects and refueling and maintenance outages. Tradesmen including carpenters, boilermakers, ironworkers, laborers, electricians, insulators, pipefitters, support technicians, support staff, draftsman/engineering and more depend on these facilities for their livelihoods.

Failing to approve the Zero Emissions Nuclear Resources Program would significantly reduce these solid union and non-represented jobs, which pay wages far above typical earning opportunities. Not only would that be devastating to these workers and their families, but also to the communities in which they live. Stores and restaurants, schools and churches, stadiums and

theatres all thrive as employees of the plants engage in their daily lives. Our communities are richer – in dollars, in fraternity and in culture – when nuclear plants remain in operation.

In fact, across the state, more than \$500 million is added to Ohio's gross domestic product each year from the business generated directly and indirectly by the nuclear plants. Losing these massive economic engines is simply not something we can afford.

I encourage you, Ohio's legislators, to adopt the Zero Emissions Nuclear Program as a wise investment in the state's economic future.

Respectfully,



Larry Tscherne  
Business Manager / Financial Secretary  
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