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Dear Legislator:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Worker’s (IBEW) Fourth District has had a strong and positive relationship with many of you, and our local unions in Ohio have enjoyed working on projects that help grow and build the state.

It is on behalf of the nearly 20,000 IBEW members in Ohio that I am writing in opposition to House Joint Resolution 1, Senate Joint Resolution 2, House Bill 144, and Senate Bill 92. The IBEW is strongly opposed to efforts to alter the process to amend the Ohio Constitution, including placing any such measure on the ballot in the August special election.

Raising the threshold to amend the Ohio Constitution to 60 percent is harmful in many ways. Ohio legislative leaders and governors have gone to voters in the past to approve bond issues for construction projects ranging from schools to affordable housing to internet infrastructure to roads and buildings. Bonds have built Ohio and our members have been on those worksites earning a good living and helping to drive the state’s economy. We believe a simple majority of voters, 50 percent plus one, should be able to decide these critical economic development issues. Unfortunately, these resolutions and the August primaries continue to divide Ohio at a time when we need to stand united.

The IBEW is looking forward to working with you, your colleagues, and the governor on the many exciting projects that are coming soon to Ohio. I know this economic boom we are about to experience is just getting started and I do not want House Joint Resolution 1, Senate Joint Resolution 2, House Bill 144, or Senate Bill 92 to stand in the way of progress.

Respectfully,

Gina P. Cooper  
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