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The Honorable Jason Smith Chairman United States House Committee on Ways and Means 2418 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Neal Ranking Member United States House Committee on Ways and Means 372 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Neal:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I write in opposition to the Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution regarding solar panel manufacturing. This resolution will have a harmful and disruptive impact on our members' jobs within the solar industry.

Our nation's energy industry directly employs tens of thousands of LIUNA members across the country. These jobs span across all sectors of energy production including, natural gas, nuclear, hydro, and renewables. By way of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), The Biden Administration has brought good-paying union construction jobs into the renewable industry. Because of this, our members have seen a significant and rapid growth within the renewables sector, in particular the solar industry. These jobs are finally good jobs, with family-supporting wages and benefits.

Repealing President Biden's moratorium, however, will bring several solar construction sites to a halt, leaving our members without a paycheck. We recognize that the Department of Commerce's investigation found some solar panel producers committing trade violations. Of course, in time, this will need to be addressed.

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This CRA resolution comes at a time when our nation is looking to bolster its wind and solar industry, steering away from more harmful energy sources. Our union has never seen this much solar construction work, and future construction work already on the books, within the renewable energy industry, and it is now all at risk if the CRA is passed.

I urge you to oppose the Congressional Review Act being marked up today in committee.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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