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Milwaukee Common Council
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Proposed Resolution #131808

Dear Council Members,

On behalf of the Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council, I would like to express opposition to the proposed deregulation of the electrical industry. We urge the Common Council to reject resolution #131809 that seeks state legislation to deregulate the electricity industry in the State of Wisconsin.

Deregulation in California has resulted in power shortages, blackouts, and escalating prices. These escalating prices are not exclusive to California – rates in Illinois have climbed by 55%, in Maryland by 60% and in Pennsylvania by 53%. With these rate hikes attributed to deregulation, Wisconsin cannot afford to go down the same path.

Safety and reliability will also be sacrificed if deregulation is permitted in within our state. Without proper oversight, there is no guarantee that deregulated energy providers can be counted on to build safe, sufficient generation stations that provide reliable electricity.

This is not the first time Wisconsin has looked at this issue. In the 1990s, after an extensive study the then Governor, State Legislation, and Public Service Commission all concluded that maintaining a regulated utility model was in the best interest of all of our citizens

I respectfully ask that you carefully consider our views regarding deregulation and do not support the proposed deregulation resolution #131808.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or discussions.

Thank you for your consideration,


Daniel J. Bukiewicz
President

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