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VIA EMAIL

To: All Canadian IBEW Business Managers

Re: Solidarity with All Canadian IBEW Local Unions

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the 857,000 active and retired IBEW members across the United States and Canada, I am writing to reaffirm our shared commitment to the strong bond that has defined our union for generations. Our two nations are deeply connected through energy security, manufacturing supply chains, and the trade of electricity, steel, aluminum, and other critical resources. The success of IBEW members on both sides of the border depends on our shared values and solidarity.

As economic policies continue to shift, we must ensure that any changes support good jobs, fair wages, and strong industries in both our countries. Broad, sweeping tariffs risk unintended consequences that could drive up costs, disrupt our industries, and impact the livelihoods of the very workers and their families we are committed to protecting. It is essential that trade policies strengthen, rather than weaken, the critical partnerships that sustain the U.S. and Canadian economies.

The IBEW remains committed to advocating for policies that promote fair trade with Canada to protect workers, and encourage investment in our industries. The IBEW has always been stronger when we stand together, and that unity will continue to guide us through the challenges ahead.

With best wishes, I am

In Solidarity,

Kenneth W. Cooper
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