The IBEW's 4th District is opposed to House Bill 118

BACKGROUND

Ohio House Bill 118 ("the legislation") would create additional, unnecessary hurdles for wind and solar projects within the state of Ohio. The IBEW believes that the legislation would ultimately result in the cancellation of many planned projects throughout the state. This legislation has now passed the Ohio State Senate and we must stop it in the House.

HOUSE BILL 118: UNNECESSARY CHANGE TO THE PERMITTING PROCESS

The legislation would create an additional barrier to industrial development in Ohio. The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) currently has a lengthy, expensive, robust process developers must follow prior to project approval. A diagram of this process can be found on the second page of this document. The legislation would essentially allow for a township to reject a project or force modification of a project after the extensive OPSB process has been completed. The legislation would apply to projects pending and all projects moving forward.

IMPACT ON THE IBEW IN OHIO

Ohio University conducted a study in 2020, "Measuring the Economic Impacts of Utility-Scale Solar in Ohio." The study found that utility-scale solar could create nearly 55,000 construction jobs and over 600 operations and maintenance jobs in Ohio. If the legislation passes it is our belief that developers will proceed with utility-scale solar projects in other states, and job opportunities for our membership in Ohio will be lost.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Complete the information here to send a letter to your representative:

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Share this PDF with your sisters and brothers, encourage them to send a letter

Call your representatives and let them know you are opposed to HB118

House Bill 118: https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA134-HB-118

Measuring the Economic Impacts of Utility-Scale Solar in Ohio:
https://www.ohio.edu/voinovich-school/news-resources/reports-publications/utility-scale-solar

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STANDARD APPLICATION PROCESS FLOWCHART

Construction and operation are monitored by the OPSB

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