



INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS

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Dear Ms. Larsen,

On behalf of the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 9, EIWPF (Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund), NEIEP (National Elevator Industry Education Program) and our JAC (Joint Apprenticeship Committee) we are writing in support of Legislation that offers grants towards the education for clean energy occupations. Our industry specializes in energy conserving conveniences in numerous aspects being commercial, residential, agricultural for people, goods, ADA needs, automobiles, rail systems and wind turbines.

In our industry the elevator manufacturers have worked endlessly developing ways to improve energy efficiency. One of the ways we do this is by using regenerative drives for traction elevators that regenerate power when braking to slow down or stop when the elevator is running out of balance. We would appreciate any financial support we can receive with building a regenerative drive lab for our Apprenticeship Training and Continuing Education programs. This can be possible if we're able to work in connection with Minnesota based company KEB America, Inc. out of Shakopee.

The elevator industry deals with codes and luxuries for battery backup. If we could implement training for solar power charging for emergency power, battery backups, or just have our less demanding smaller elevators run on a battery system that recharges off solar power. We could do this through a partnership with the Electrical JAC.

We have been involved in the wind turbine industry for over a decade servicing both the elevators inside and generators as well. We could use the perspective funds towards growing and improving our training program for dealing with the GWO certifications required for the rescue of workers and advanced motor/generator classes. One of our contractors the "Tempest Group" specializes in wind turbines and is willing to do a training partnership with us.

Kindest Regards,

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