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HF 2213 MNDOLI Technical Changes Bill House Labor Committee. February 28, 2023

Thank you, Chair Nelson and members of the House Labor Committee. for allowing us to submit testimony in regard to HF 2213 the bill the MNDOLI technical changes bill.

My name is Andy Snope, I am the Legislative Director for IBEW Local 292. We represent 5000 electrical workers in our jurisdiction, as well as today I am speaking on behalf of the 14,000 IBEW workers who work throughout the state of Minnesota in the electrical industry. We submit this testimony in support of HF 2213.

Thank you MNDOLI Commissioner Blissenbach for including Language in this bill that provides a slight technical change to the composition of the State Board of Electricity. We support this change and have been hoping to see this change for several years now. This statute change strives to add a balance between employer and employee representation on the State Board of Electricity for those members of the board in the power limited industry, working under the provisions of the power limited license.

This change allows for one member to be a power limited contractor and another member to be a power limited employee.

Currently the language in state statute reads to allow the appointment, to the board; 2 power limited contractors, excluding the presence of an employee type person that works in the power limited industry.

Pretty straight forward, this change allows for equal employer and employee industry representatives on the board. This is a similar arrangement existing in statute now for Electricians (2 members) and Electrical Contractors (2 members) on the board.

Thank you for your time today, I will be available to answer any questions.

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