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The Honorable Benjamin Lujan
U.S. House of Representatives
330 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lujan:

On behalf of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-United States of America (IEEE-USA), we would like to offer our support for your legislation, H.R. 1624, establishing uniform national standards for the interconnection of small power production facilities.

Quality electric power system interconnections are critical to the economics of distributed energy resources and the safety and reliability of the power system. Standardization enhances systems integration of sound distributed energy resources with the grid and significantly contributes to the uniform modernization of our electric infrastructure.

IEEE-USA recommends that Congress and federal and state agencies support the adoption of interconnection standards developed by a consensus of professional societies on a voluntary basis. Standards developed by such consensus-based processes assure reasonableness and high technical quality, and encourage the likelihood of broad acceptance.

We feel that passage and enactment, of H.R. 1624 would significantly further these objectives and would like to offer our support. We thank you for addressing the pressing need for a comprehensive national standard for the interconnection of distributed electrical generation resources.

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Sincerely,

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