The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2252 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  

Subject: Critical Infrastructure Discussion Draft  

Dear Representative Jackson Lee:  

It has been a pleasure working with your office on the critical infrastructure discussion draft. The Society for Maintenance and Reliability Professionals (SMRP) would like to applaud you, U.S. Congresswoman Jackson Lee, for demonstrating leadership on this very important issue. The nation’s critical infrastructure systems and assets need to be resilient in order to prepare for and adapt to changing conditions. In addition, the maintenance and reliability of cybersecurity systems and critical infrastructure is essential to the security of our nation.

SMRP is an over 5,000 member professional society formed in 1992 to develop and promote excellence in the maintenance, reliability, and physical asset management profession. SMRP members consist of engineers, operations managers, repair and reliability technicians, worksite and project planners, and other service providers. We are experts in specification, design, purchasing, installation, inspection, testing, maintaining, decommissioning, and asset disposal. SMRP members can help evaluate the impact of cybersecurity and cyberphysical impacts of critical physical assets.

SMRP appreciates the opportunity to review the critical infrastructure discussion draft. This proposal will meaningfully improve our country’s critical infrastructure protection and cybersecurity capabilities. In fact, after careful consideration, our organization felt that the only addition that needed to be made to the discussion draft was an evaluation of the impact of cybersecurity and cyberphysical impacts of critical physical assets. Now that our recommended edit has been incorporated, SMRP fully endorses the critical infrastructure discussion draft.

Thank you again for consulting with SMRP during the bill drafting process. We look forward to working together into the future and providing any assistance to ensure the legislation moves forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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