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U.S. National Committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

Young Professionals Competition

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Dear USNC Selection Panel,

I am writing in support of Ms. Caitlyn Clark’s nomination for the 2023 Young Professionals program. As I believe that Caitlyn is an excellent candidate to represent the U.S. National Committee (USNC) at the upcoming IEC General Meeting in Cairo, Egypt.

My experience as a winner of the 2019 USNC IEC YP Competition and previously as Secretary of the USNC Young and Emerging Professionals Committee (YEP-Com) gives me confidence that Caitlyn will represent the USNC well during this year’s IEC YP Program. Since joining the TC114 U.S. TAG in 2020, Caitlyn has become an active member of the -101 Shadow Committee who joins our quarterly calls and annual meeting. In addition, Caitlyn has been an active member within the USNC YEP-Com who has contributed strategic advice and recommendations as they continue to establish a national program. Prior to joining the USNC YEP-Com, Caitlyn was the Chair of the International Network on Offshore Renewable Energy (INORE) another young professionals’ network. This experience is critical to understanding the diverse needs of young professionals within the IEC who can come with a wide range of experience and backgrounds. Her current position at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory provides her the opportunity to incorporate standards across multiple technologies as Caitlyn is a founding member of the soon to be Hybrids Institute which looks to optimize renewable power generation across multiple renewable energy sources (i.e. wind, solar, wave, etc.). This presents a unique opportunity to help market technical standards across multiple technologies and begin identifying where new standards might be developed with an eye on increasing the number distributed power systems as the US and world moves towards greater renewable energy penetration into the grid.

The 2023 IEC Young Professionals program would be an excellent opportunity for Ms. Clark to gain further experience in standards development and build a stronger professional network that can be leveraged in future standards development. If selected, she would be an excellent representative for the U.S. National Committee of the IEC and I fully support her application to the USNC 2023 IEC YP Competition.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or by email.

Sincerely yours,



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