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Members, Warrick County Area Planning Commission
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Dear Warrick County Area Plan Commission Members,

As a committed member of the southwestern Indiana community, we share the region's goal of building a stronger economic future, one that creates good jobs and attracts new investment, while also promoting greater prosperity and opportunity for all our local Hoosiers. Investing in our region is about investing in our collective future and creating a brighter tomorrow for this and the next generation of Hoosiers.

For too long, we've seen other parts of Indiana and the country reap the economic benefits of embracing smart investments. We believe in the promise of southwestern Indiana, the people who proudly call this region home, and strongly believe that we must promote more investment to ensure good jobs, strong small businesses, healthy tax revenues for vital services and lower energy costs for our neighbors and friends.

In that spirit, we strongly encourage the Commission to support all pathways to smart investment within Warrick County. For the sake of our collective future, we must not block future opportunities that would result in the loss of the benefits of economic growth, including reducing energy costs and tax burdens on our citizens, providing much needed tax revenue vital to directly improving our public schools and other public services.

The array of benefits of smart investments in innovation is real and will have an immensely positive impact for our local communities, the region, and our families, including:

- **Thousands of new, well-paying local jobs**, including new jobs in construction, technology, engineering, the life sciences and other innovative 21st century fields.
- **Funding for vital local community services** from new local tax revenue, helping to fund better schools, more teachers, better roads and improved emergency services.
- **Stronger local economic growth**, including support for area contractors and suppliers and increased spending at our local small businesses.
- **Lower energy costs for our citizens** by reducing the cost of energy bills for tens of thousands of southwestern Hoosiers.
- **Reducing tax burdens** for everyday Hoosiers by adding millions of dollars of new, local tax revenue paid by large corporations.
- **Making southwestern Indiana the center of new breakthroughs**, helping to power the next advances in medicine, science and technology – everything from earlier disease detection and treatment to faster and more effective responses to storms and other emergencies.

The Opportunity for Warrick County

To ensure that our residents and communities share these benefits, it is critical that Warrick County, and southwestern Indiana as a region, maintains its competitive advantage for attracting new, smart and innovative investments. Again, for the sake of our future, we should not needlessly limit the pathways to smart economic development, more innovation and greater prosperity for the region. **Make no mistake, voting for the moratorium is a vote against much needed growth for our region and these critical benefits will have a lasting negative effect for our region.** A vote for the moratorium will needlessly raise costs, hurt our small businesses and will have a negative effect on the investments critical to growing this region that has for too long been ignored. For the sake of our future, we must embrace the promise, opportunity, and benefits smart



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investments will have for our region, not push the value of such investments to other parts of Indiana or the country.

Our Focus: Prioritizing Affordability for Southwestern Indiana

As communities across the region strive for economic development and growth, our focus and commitment at CenterPoint Energy remains clear: prioritizing affordability, ensuring more reliable and more resilient energy, and building the better and affordable energy future our customers and communities expect and deserve. As part of this commitment, we announced a series of Community Affordability Actions, including:

- Committing to keeping electric rates stable through 2027.
- Launching the \$5 million Community Energy Improvement Fund to support weatherization, energy efficiency and cost-saving programs for our southwestern Indiana customers.
- Cancelling nearly \$1 billion in generation projects that are no longer economical.
- Reducing company profits and eliminating all profits on a retired coal plant.

As part of our comprehensive approach to prioritizing affordability, we are committed to supporting economic development projects that will further reduce customer energy bills across the region by tens of millions of dollars and strengthen the reliability and resiliency of the electric system without adding additional costs to our customers. The value of these projects for our local residents is significant.

As of July 8, 2026, we estimate that approximately 200 MW of capacity is available in Warrick County, which if brought online with new larger customers, could reduce electric bills by \$80-100 million for our current residential and business customers. Put differently, such projects will result in meaningful and lasting energy savings for countless Warrick County families and local businesses.

Together, We Can Build a Stronger Economic Future for Southwestern Indiana

We are proud members of our community, and proud to call this region home. We know residents have important questions about how best to build a smarter economic future for Warrick County. Those questions deserve clear answers based on facts. Decisions made that will impact our shared future **MUST** be guided by balanced, factual information and shaped by a diverse array of local and regional economic, business, and community partners and experts. Instead of voting for measures that needlessly stop positive progress, we believe that we can and should work together to build the better future we all want for our communities.

Thank you again for your leadership and engagement in Warrick County. We look forward to sharing more information on how to ensure future investment and economic development benefits for who matters most – our local communities, our local small businesses, and our local families.

Sincerely,
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CC: Warrick County Commissioners