



December 3, 2015

The Honorable Paul Ryan
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: NECA KEY VOTE – H.R. 8, The North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act

Dear Speaker Ryan,

On behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), I am writing in strong support of the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015 and urge you to vote YES on final passage. This long-awaited and comprehensive energy policy bill focuses on the transmission, distribution, and storage of energy to ensure we have the necessary infrastructure to meet today's modern energy challenges and will bring our nation's energy policies into the 21st century.

This legislation will streamline the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) review process for federal energy related applications and the regulatory process for authorizing liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports. In addition, the bill would expand the use of resiliency-related technologies such as advanced grid technologies, distributed generation, microgrid systems, combined heat and power, waste heat resources, and energy storage technologies. Making greater use of these new technologies will help conserve energy and helps companies save money in the long run.

NECA is the nationally recognized voice of the \$130 billion electrical construction industry that brings power, light, and communication technology to buildings and communities across the U.S. NECA's national office and its 119 local chapters are dedicated to enhancing the industry through continuing education, labor relations, safety codes, standards development, and government relations. NECA is committed to advocating for a comprehensive energy policy that addresses all available opportunities for energy exploration and independence.

The benefits of this legislation are clear: job creation, energy security, energy independence, and economic growth. Creating more jobs in the construction industry is in the national interest and this legislation will help meet this goal. NECA urges you to vote YES and pass the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act. Please note that this bill will be counted in our Legislative Scorecard.

Sincerely,

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