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The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
2183 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
237 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Pallone,

On behalf of the nearly 400 members of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), we wish to encourage the House of Representatives to pass much-needed legislation to modernize and protect the U.S. electric grid and to promote energy efficiency.

NEMA is the association of electrical equipment and medical imaging manufacturers, founded in 1926 and headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. Our member companies manufacture a diverse range of products, and our combined industries account for more than 400,000 American jobs and more than 7,000 facilities across the U.S., and domestic production exceeds \$117 billion per year.

NEMA supports several provisions in the *North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015* (H.R. 8), including those to establish a plan for a strategic transformer reserve, to modernize the grid through reliability, physical-, and cyber-security investments and programs, and those that would make clarifications and improve the rulemaking process under the *Energy Policy and Conservation Act*.

As the House considers amendments to H.R. 8, we wish to reiterate our support for a number of provisions of the Committee-passed legislation, including provisions to improve the education and training of America's energy and manufacturing workforce; promote federal data center efficiency; provide assistance to public schools for efficiency retrofits and deployment of distributed generation; promote efficiency in the industrial and manufacturing sectors; and encourage further energy performance contracts at federal agencies.

In addition, NEMA supports Amendment 7 (Reps. Ellmers, Pompeo, DeGette, and Dent) to make clarifications and technical changes to the external power supply rulemaking under the *Energy Policy and Conservation Act*; as well as Amendment 9 (Reps. Ellmers and McNerney) on a statement of policy on grid modernization.

Should you have further questions, please contact Patrick Hughes, Senior Director of Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives, at [patrick.hughes@nema.org](mailto:patrick.hughes@nema.org), or Joseph Eaves, Director of Government Relations, at [joseph.eaves@nema.org](mailto:joseph.eaves@nema.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kyle Pitsor'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kyle Pitsor  
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