



December 2, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton,

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. 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.

We are pleased 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.

While we are disappointed that the original Title II of the legislation, which focused on creating a comprehensive approach to training the next generation workforce in the energy sector, was removed we are hopeful this legislation will move early in 2016. NECA was pleased to have the opportunity to testify April 23rd on this issue we stand ready to continue working with you to help move this provision.

In addition, we also urge all Members support the following Amendments to the bill:

McKinley/Zinke	Castor #1	Ellmers/McNerney	Green
Norcross #1	Jackson Lee #1	Peters #2	Franks
Takano/Honda/Collins	Garmendi		

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 strongly endorses the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act.

Sincerely,

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