



June 9, 2021

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), I am writing in regard to several amendments to H.R. 3684, *INVEST in America Act*.

NECA urges Members of the committee to **support** the following amendments to the legislation:

- **Rep. Davis (R-IL) Amendment #25**, which would establish a set process and schedule for environmental reviews for major infrastructure projects.
- **Rep. Stauber (R-MN) Amendment #34**, which applies prevailing wage protections to the electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

NECA urges Members of the committee to **oppose** the following anti-labor amendments to the legislation:

- **Rep. Perry (R-PA) Amendment #141**, Repeals prevailing wages requirements on labor standards.
- **Rep. Perry (R-PA) Amendment #147**, Repeals prevailing wages requirements.
- **Rep. Perry (R-PA) Amendment #148**, Prohibition on certain construction project labor agreements.

Prevailing wages encourage contractors to compete for government work based on skill, safety, and efficiency rather than by cutting wages. Such laws allow good contractors to pay fair wages and hire well-qualified workers. Prevailing wage standards promote the use of the local labor force and help keep labor costs low by employing skilled labor to avoid cost overruns and safety problems. Prevailing wage regulations improve working conditions for all workers.

NECA strongly supports the use of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on federal and federally assisted construction in cases where those in charge of the project believe it would be the most cost-effective construction method. PLAs ensure a steady flow of highly trained construction labor and reduce some of the uncertainty inherent in large-scale construction projects NECA supports continued application of current Federal rules governing the use of both PLAs and prevailing wage protection on all federal construction projects.

NECA is the voice of the \$171 billion electrical construction industry that brings power, light and communication technology to buildings and communities across the U.S. Our national office and 118 local chapters advance the industry through advocacy, education, research and standards development. A diverse group of nearly 4,000-member companies account for approximately 300 million working hours per year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my staff at any time by reaching out to James Farrell, Executive Director of Government Affairs, at James.Farrell@necanet.org or 412-418-1480. Thank you for consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marco A. Giamberardino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

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