



Support Legislation to Invest in Our Nation's Infrastructure

Summary: NECA contractors play a crucial role in building, powering and maintaining the nation's infrastructure. NECA advocates for a sustainable solution to fix the Highway Trust Fund, increased investment in clean water and wastewater projects, federal investment in AI and data centers, strengthening the energy grid infrastructure, increasing federal investment in nationwide broadband and 5G technology, meaningful investment in electric vehicle charging stations, and fully funding the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the CHIPS and Science Act.

Priorities:

- **Find a Sustainable Solution to Fix the Highway Trust Fund:** Securing a long-term, reliable funding mechanism for the Highway Trust Fund is critical to maintaining and modernizing our nation's transportation infrastructure, which is essential for economic growth and competitiveness.
- **Increase Investment in Clean Water and Wastewater Projects:** Investing in clean water and wastewater infrastructure is essential for safeguarding public health, protecting the environment, and stimulating economic growth through job creation and enhanced community resilience.
- **Support Federal Investment in AI and Data Centers:** Investing in AI infrastructure and data centers is crucial for maintaining U.S. technological leadership, creating high-skilled jobs, and enhancing grid reliability to meet the growing energy demands of advanced computing.
- **Strengthen Our Energy Grid Infrastructure:** Investing in grid hardening—such as reinforcing power lines, upgrading substations, and implementing advanced monitoring systems—is essential to protect against extreme weather, cyber threats, and other disruptions. A resilient grid ensures continuous power supply, supports economic stability, and enhances national security by safeguarding critical infrastructure.
- **Increase Federal Investment in Nationwide Broadband and 5G Technology:** Expanding access to high-speed internet and advanced wireless networks is vital for fostering economic development, driving innovation, and ensuring equitable opportunities for all communities.
- **Meaningful Investment in Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** Expanding and upgrading EV charging infrastructure is essential to support the growing adoption of electric vehicles and promoting clean energy.
- **Fully Fund the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the CHIPS and Science Act:** Ensuring full funding and rejecting arbitrary cuts to federal construction accounts is essential to advancing infrastructure development and driving job creation.

The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) is the voice of the \$255 billion electrical construction industry that brings power, light, and communication technology to buildings and communities across North America. NECA's national office and 118 local chapters advance the industry through advocacy, education, research, and standards development.

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