



January 8, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
2421 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: NECA Supports Multiple Small Business Bills Under Suspension of the Rules

On behalf of the 4,000 members of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), our 119 local chapters, and the \$170 billion industry we represent, I write to you in support of the following legislation scheduled for consideration under suspension of the rules this week:

- **H.R. 226 - To amend the Small Business Act to include best in class designation in the annual report on small business goals prepared by the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.**
 - *This legislation would require Federal Agencies to report the total amount of spending in the “best in class” designation and the breakdown of these amounts by socioeconomic categories. This information is necessary towards determining the effectiveness of the program and its breadth within the Federal Government.*
- **H.R. 227 - To amend the Small Business Act to specify what credit is given for certain subcontractors and to provide a dispute process for non-payment to subcontractors, and for other purposes.**
 - *This legislation would allow subcontractors a proper channel to file a formal notification to the federal government on their lack of prompt payment. The dispute process would go through the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (“OSDBU”) and would require a determination of the validity of a claim and the resolution process. Lack of prompt payment is a habitual problem when working with the Federal government.*
- **H.R. 190 - To amend the Small Business Act to eliminate the inclusion of option years in the award price for sole-source contracts, and for other purposes.**
 - *This legislation allows for reasonable reform to determine whether contracting officers are accurately certifying business to receive sole-source contracts, and if these officers are properly classifying sole-source contracts.*

NECA applauds the responsible contracting reforms proposed by these measures and commends the House Committee on Small Business for their continued efforts. These bills, if enacted, would create a more transparent, sensible, and effective federal government and contracting environment.

As the voice of the electrical construction industry that brings power, light, and communication technology to buildings and communities across the U.S., we urge you to vote YES on the above-mentioned legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marco A. Giamberardino". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a background of faint, light blue stars.

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