

October 20, 2019

The Honorable Darin LaHood U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative LaHood:

On behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), I am writing in strong support of H.R. 2314, Nuclear Powers America Act of 2019.

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 119 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 man-hours per year.

NECA contractors play a crucial role in the building and maintenance of our nations' energy infrastructure. Our members have long advocated for a diverse portfolio of energy sources, especially clean and renewable energy sources, which are both environmentally friendly and efficient. As you know, nuclear power accounts for 20 percent of the nation's electrical supply and produces more than 60% of the emissions-free generation in America. The benefits of this legislation are clear: job creation, energy independence, and economic growth.

NECA greatly appreciates your hard work in writing this important legislation. A vote on this bill will be included in the NECA Legislative Report Card for the 116th Congress. We urge all members to support it.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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