

December 19, 2019

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), I am writing in strong support of The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), H.R. 5430, *To implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement.*

For too long, the troublesome NAFTA agreement has inhibited the economic growth of the middle class and the industry NECA represents. USMCA will help incentivize over \$68 billion in new economic activity and it includes some of the most robust worker protections of any trade agreement ever negotiated. The USMCA will allow our economy to continue on its upward trend and create more work for our contractors. This new agreement will not only allow our contractors to prosper with more opportunities, but it will also create more good-paying jobs for our electricians, who are the most talented workers in America.

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 man-hours per year.

These votes and associated votes will be included in the NECA Legislative Scorecard for the 116th Congress. We urge you to **vote yes** on this legislation. If you have any questions or concerns please contact my staff at any time by reaching out to James Farrell, Director of Government Affairs, at James.Farrell@necanet.org or 301-215-4537.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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