



May 6, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
H-232, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
H-204, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), I am writing in strong support of *H.R.6697 – “Local Chamber, Tourism, and 501(c)(6) Protection Act of 2020”* introduced by Representatives Chris Papas, Brian Fitzpatrick, and Greg Steube.

The Paycheck Protection Program has been widely successful and a much-needed lifeline for small businesses across the country, including many NECA contractors. The benefits of the program have been seen through the ability to continue to keep our workforce employed with full benefits during this critical time. This bill corrects one of the major problems with the program by allowing our small local chapters (which are 501 (c)(6) organizations) to access this critical capital to meet payroll and other necessary expenses.

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 thanks Representatives Chris Papas, Brian Fitzpatrick, and Greg Steube for introducing this important legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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

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