



June 13, 2023

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
1135 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
2163 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) is a National Trade Association and the leading voice of the \$202 billion electrical contracting industry that brings power, light, and communication technology to buildings and communities across the U.S. NECA collectively represents over 4,000 electrical contractor members served by 118 local Chapters across the country.

NECA contractors regularly work on airport projects across America, including providing power, terminal lighting, and the installation and maintenance of airfield lighting and signing systems. Also, for existing airports, preventative maintenance is one of the most important steps that can be taken to protect an airport, its passengers and employees. Electrical failure can be catastrophic: flights are cancelled, travelers are stranded, and there are potential fire hazards.

We believe this bipartisan legislation will go a long way towards modernizing our aviation system. As you consider *H.R. 3935- Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act*, the National Electrical Contractors Association has the following vote recommendations:

Vote 'NO': [PERRY 200](#)

Summary: This amendment would increase the threshold that prevailing wages shall be paid to \$150,000 of a construction project. This would hurt responsible contractors who properly classify their employees and pay them prevailing wages. The Davis-Bacon Act was enacted to establish local labor rates within construction projects contracted by the federal government. The Act requires public works contractors to pay skilled tradespeople no less than the wages that prevail on similar projects within the same region. Most states have adopted similar prevailing wage rate legislation for state and local government projects. In addition, this amendment would encourage the use of misclassified 'independent contractors' to evade labor protections and the payment of federal taxes.

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Vote 'NO': [PERRY 202](#)

Summary: This amendment would prohibit the Secretary from using Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on federally assisted projects. PLAs are pre-negotiated agreements between project owners, contractors, and subcontractors that protect taxpayer-provided funds by guaranteeing project deadlines and ensuring high standards for quality, safety and health, and fair compensation for workers. PLAs do not discriminate against non-signatory contractors or prevent them from bidding on projects, nor do they create an uneven playing field between signatory and non-signatory contractors. Rather, they provide a more level playing field between construction companies investing in their workforce by sponsoring privately funded training programs to ensure a future skilled construction workforce and honoring their commitment to treat their workers fairly as employees and those seeking to compete by depressing wages and evading their obligation to pay overtime, health and retirement benefits, and employment taxes.

Vote 'YES': [JOHNGA 017](#)

Summary: This would allow the Secretary to explore the use of hydrogen fuels in aviation. NECA supports the use of alternative fuels and investments in new technologies as it would create more jobs for NECA contractors.

Vote: 'YES': [PAPPNH 053](#)

Summary: This would allow discretion for the permanent use of solar powered taxiway edge lighting systems at regional, local, and basic airports

We would also like to express our thanks to the Chairman and Ranking Member for the inclusion of the 'One Federal Decision' framework in this bipartisan legislation. This will help expedite airport construction projects to better serve contractors and ultimately the operations of the airport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marco A. Giamberardino".

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Cc: Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure

