



January 10, 2019

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
U. S House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Blumenauer:

On behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), I am writing in strong support of the Rebuild America Act.

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 transportation system. Our members power our nation's buildings, hospitals, and schools; light our highways and streets; connect transit and rail switches; install complex electrical systems at airports; operate and maintain the plants that keep our water clean, and much more. Unfortunately, a systemic failure to adequately invest in our infrastructure is taking its toll on the system. We must reverse course and properly fund investments in our transportation infrastructure. Economic studies show that every \$1 billion in infrastructure investment creates 28,500 direct and indirect jobs, providing our economy and the American taxpayers with a high return on investment.

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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