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Oversight & Government Reform Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Oversight & Government Reform Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2056 Rayburn House Office Building  
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**RE: NECA Supports H.R. 5644 Construction Consensus Procurement Act**

On behalf of the 4,000 member companies of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), our 118 chapters, and the \$171 billion industry we represent that brings power, light, and communication technology to buildings and communities across the U.S., I write to you today in strong support of H.R. 5644 the Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2020, introduced by Representatives Khanna and Meadows.

This piece of legislation, whose companion (S. 1434) passed the Senate with unanimous consent, would prohibit the use of reverse auctions as a purchasing method for design and construction services by federal agencies. Reverse auctions only benefit those contractors willing to cut corners and the agencies willing to accept potentially substandard performance on taxpayer funded projects. Prohibiting reverse auctions is responsible contracting reform at its finest. Enactment of H.R. 5644 will promote competition and create greater opportunity for contractors, both large and small, while working with the federal government.

Again, on behalf of our member companies across the country, we urge you to support the Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2020. Thank you for your consideration and continued interest in reforming the federal construction process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marco A. Giamberardino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "A".

Marco A. Giamberardino, MPA  
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