



April 14, 2016

Dear Representative,

On behalf of over 200 electrical contractors represented by the Pennsylvania Chapters of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), we write to urge you to join the newly established Congressional Building Trades Caucus.

The Building Trades Caucus was recently formed by Rep. David McKinley (R-WV) and Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ), both of whom have extensive experience in the construction industry and the building trades. Rep. McKinley, a civil engineer, and Rep. Norcross, an IBEW journeyman electrician, intend to bring together Members of Congress whose constituents and districts rely on and benefit from new development projects.

The Caucus will facilitate conversations that will educate members on the needs of the businesses and the labor force that build America, that will develop policies for producing highly-trained craftsmen from apprenticeships, and that will help the building trades industries move forward in the 21st century economy.

The National Electrical Contractors Association is a nationwide organization representing the management interests of the \$130 billion electrical contracting industry. NECA's 119 local chapters across the country support the industry in their region. Chapters are independently chartered organizations that work with national field representatives and their labor partners, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), to develop effective labor agreements and market initiatives.

The contractor members of the Penn-Del Jersey Chapter and the Western Pennsylvania Chapter employ thousands of electricians and other employees in the region each year. We offer well-established knowledge and insight in the field of electrical contracting in our regions, and we would be honored if you would consider our association and members as resources for yourself and for the caucus.

Joining the Building Trades Caucus will allow you to connect with your constituents whose jobs, businesses, and families depend on work in these skilled professions. Your membership will demonstrate that you value their perspectives and contributions to our economy, so we hope you will consider adding your name.

Please contact Rep. McKinley (x5-4172) or Rep. Norcross (x5-6501) to join the caucus. For more information about NECA, please contact our government affairs coordinators—Joelle Salerno (412-722-9438, jnsalerno@wpaneca.com) with the Western Pennsylvania Chapter or Helen Levins (267-804-0151, hlevins@neca-pdj.org) with the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter.

Sincerely,

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Chad M. Jones
Executive Director
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Jeffrey P. Scarpello,
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