



June 20, 2016

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the Pennsylvania chapters of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), an organization representing nearly 200 PA businesses—many of these are small and medium sized family businesses—we urge you to oppose House Bill 2113. HB 2113 would waive the Pennsylvania Separations Act to create Public Private Partnerships for state, municipal, and school district projects.

HB 2113 is scheduled to be considered by the State Government Committee on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, and we urge you to attend the meeting and vote “no.” Waiving the Separations Act would prevent small local subcontractors from fairly competing for work based on the best price.

The Separations Act requires public projects to solicit separate bids for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and general construction work. This allows subcontractors the opportunity to bid on projects directly, relying on their own competitiveness, rather than their relationship with a general contractor. Separate contracts have proven to be less expensive to taxpayers. HB 2113 would shut our contractors, and many other Pennsylvania subcontractors, out of the bidding process.

Should the bill come before you for consideration, please keep Pennsylvania’s local contractors in mind and VOTE NO on the harmful provisions in HB 2113. We respectfully urge you to oppose this legislation that waives the Separations Act, and jeopardizes Pennsylvania’s local businesses and workforce.

Sincerely,

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