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Dear Member of Congress:

The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) is a National Trade Association and the leading voice of the \$225 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.

As you consider legislation H.R. 3935, the *Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act*, the National Electrical Contractors Association submits the following vote recommendations:

- 1. Yes Rules #57 (Feenstra): Directs the Secretary of Transportation to take such actions as are necessary to respond with an approval or denial of any application for the provision of essential air service to the greatest extent practicable no later than 6 months after receiving such application.
- 2. Yes Rules #122 (Magaziner): Allows Airport Improvement Program funds to be used for projects to comply with cybersecurity standards and recommendations from the Civil Aviation Cybersecurity Rulemaking Committee.
- 3. Yes Rules #218 (Kilmer): Revises the expansion of AIP for resiliency improvements to include Incident Support Bases, defines natural disasters, and clarifies the full scope of AIP improvement projects for eligible airports.
- 4. Yes Rules #219 (Peltola): Adds extensions needed for fuel/firefighting operations/etc. that are often pushed out as ineligible, yet very much needed to allow Alaska's aviation system to function more smoothly and allow for heavier payloads to remote locations.
- 5. Yes Rules #245 (Bean): Eligibility to include connecting taxiways under Sec. 685. AIP eligibility for certain spaceport infrastructure.
- 6. Yes Rules #327 (Donalds): Directs the Comptroller General to consult with FAA-certified airports and industry stakeholders to evaluate the airports' emergency response plans and determine whether such plans appropriately assess electricity-related considerations relating to primary power source disruption events stemming from natural disasters.
- 7. **Oppose** Rules #328 (McClintock): Strikes authorization for the Essential Air Service.
- 8. **Oppose** rules #333 (Perry): Reduces the authorization levels in sections 101, 103, and 1111.

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NECA supports H.R. 3935, the *Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act.* NECA contractors play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and efficiency of our aviation network through the construction and maintenance of our airports. The passage of a Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act is imperative to the economic stability of the nation's airports, and NECA contractors' economic security. We ask all members of congress to support its final passage.

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