



March 7, 2023

Dear Member of Congress:

The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) is a National Trade Association and the leading voice of the \$202 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 H.J. Res. 27, *Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'*, the National Electrical Contractors Association recommends the following vote:

**Vote 'Yes':** H.J. Res. 27. This joint resolution nullifies the recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule that is set to take effect on March 20, 2023. The WOTUS rule revises the definition of navigable waters and expands permitting requirements at the detriment of farmers, small businesses, and private property owners. The rule could significantly expand federal jurisdiction of waters upstream, triggering additional expensive and time consuming permitting and regulatory requirements. Accordingly, NECA opposes efforts to greatly expand the authority of EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers under the Clean Water Act in regulating local water and adjacent land use.

If you or anyone on your staff has any questions please reach out to Jared Karbowsky, Director of Government Affairs, at [jared.karbowsky@necanet.org](mailto:jared.karbowsky@necanet.org) or Raley Wright, Director of Government Affairs at [ralew.wright@necanet.org](mailto:ralew.wright@necanet.org).

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".

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