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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. 8070 - Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 the National Electrical Contractors Association submits the following vote recommendations:

- 1. **NO**: Rules #56 (Greene): None of the funds made available by this act may be used for electric vehicles or an electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- 2. YES: Rules #187 (Neguse): Requires the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a database to record training performed by members of the Armed Forces and make such information available to states and other employers to satisfy civilian licensing and certification requirements, and provide service members with a competency report before transitioning to civilian life.
- 3. YES: Rules #199 (Neguse): Requires the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to conduct a study and report on military grace period reforms, focusing on the impact and stigma of unit tasking during the Transition Assistance Program on service members' ability to transition to civilian life.
- 4. **NO**: Rules #357 (Roy): None of the funds authorized by this Act may be used to implement President Biden's Climate Change Executive Orders (EO 13990, EO 14008, Section 6 of EO 14013, EO 14030, EO 14057, EO 14082, EO 14096)
- 5. **NO**: Rules #449 (Norman): Would require the cost of any project funded with financial support from the DOD to disclose the cost to taxpayers.
- 6. **YES**: Rules #535 (Bergman): Authorizes \$10 million for Fuel Cell Multi-Modular Use (FC-MMU) utilizing hydrogen in FY25.
- 7. YES: Rules #549 (Schneider): This amendment instructs the SBA Administrator to carry out a program to be known as 'Boots to Business Program' to provide entrepreneurship training to covered individuals.
- 8. YES: Rules #558 (Cartwright): Requires Department of Defense (DoD) officials to submit to Congress information regarding the minimum annual investment in DoD depots and industrial facilities needed to prevent further infrastructure deterioration.
- 9. **YES:** Rules #611 (Buchanan): Mandates the Department of Defense to promptly notify the Department of Veterans Affairs about someone transitioning from active duty to a veteran with an opioid use disorder.



- 10. **YES:** Rules #696 (Torres [CA]): Directs the Secretary of the Department of Defense to submit a report to Congress on transferring military acquired credentials to the civilian workforce.
- 11. **YES:** Rules #702 (Fitzpatrick): Makes a modification to multiyear procurement authority for certain critical minerals. Revision includes a provision allowing the Secretary to give priority to critical minerals derived from recycled and reused minerals/metals.
- 12. **YES:** Rules #736 (Sherrill): Instructs the Department of Defense to conduct outreach to institutions of higher education to support their entrance into the Skillbridge Program as Skillbridge Program providers, through which they will connect transitioning servicemembers to in-demand employment and training opportunities.

NECA supports H.R. 8070 - Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025. NECA contractors nationwide employ thousands of workers and the passage of NDAA is imperative to the economic stability of our national defense and NECA contractors' economic security. We ask all members of congress to support its final passage.

If you or anyone on your staff has any questions please reach out to Jared Karbowsky, Director of Government Affairs, at <u>jared.karbowsky@necanet.org</u> or James Payne at <u>james.payne@necanet.org</u>

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