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TO: MEMBERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FROM: PENN-DEL-JERSEY AND WESTERN PA CHAPTERS,
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (NECA)

RE: **NECA SUPPORTS 5G DEPLOYMENT LEGISLATION**

The Penn-Del-Jersey and Western Pennsylvania Chapters of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) represent nearly 200 electrical contractors employing thousands of electrical workers in Pennsylvania.

NECA supports the passage of legislation kickstarting the deployment of 5G infrastructure and standardizing associated permitting processes in Pennsylvania. This would create numerous benefits for our contractors, their employees, and the entire Commonwealth.

Permitting processes related to wireless facility deployment vary greatly between municipalities. This makes it difficult for wireless service providers and contractors to quickly install or replace 5G infrastructure. Standardizing and streamlining these processes statewide would make wireless facility deployment quicker, easier, and more cost effective for all involved parties.

Reliable wireless connectivity is vital to society. 5G infrastructure expansion will provide jobs and long-term economic benefits to our communities. It will improve emergency service communications, set the stage for autonomous vehicle deployment, and lead to additional high-tech investment. This will create new business opportunities and increase state tax revenue.

Standardizing permitting processes related to 5G infrastructure deployment would be extremely beneficial to NECA contractors and the entire Commonwealth. We urge the swift reintroduction and passage of legislation regarding this critical issue.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your consideration.

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