



## NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

Senate Transportation Committee  
House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee

Re: Work Zone Safety Pilot Program, HF 2361/SF 2321

The Minnesota contractors of the National Electrical Contractors Association support the Work Zone Safety Pilot Program. NECA contractors perform lighting, signal, and sensor work on Minnesota roadways. Electricians working for a NECA member have been killed by a speeding, erratic driver while performing their work for the citizens of Minnesota. We need to do more to protect those workers by increasing safety in work zones.

Activities to increase work zone safety include:

- more signage;
- public awareness;
- educational outreach;
- working with local governments;
- establishing the proper speed limit;
- evaluating the impacts of safety measures in the safety zone; and
- increased enforcement.

Thank you for your consideration and we urge passage of the safe road zone provisions.

Sincerely,

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