

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

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House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee

Re: Support HF 2294 DE2 amendment: Work Zone Safety

The Minnesota contractors of the National Electrical Contractors Association support House File 2294 DE2 amendment.

Our states construction work zones are dangerous places to work. Drivers are still in that pandemic zone of driving fast and that causes (if we are lucky) near misses or (if we are not) worker deaths on our roads.

We have electrical contractors on our roadways and the right of ways next to the roadway every day. Electrical contractors and their electricians are building new roads, repairing old roads, installing and repairing lighting, installing and repairing road sensors, and changing bulbs in our lighting and signs. We need to keep them safe.

The work zone pilot program outlined in HF 2294 DE2 will help the state, industry and roadway workers gather information so we can help workers go home every day.

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