



February 20th, 2023

Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: NSCA Position in support of 2023 SB 444

Chairmen Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the committee,

On behalf of the National Systems Contractors Association (NSCA), thank you for allowing us the opportunity to support proposed legislation Senate Bill 444.

NSCA is the professional trade association for companies that specialize in designing and installing electronic systems for commercial and mixed-use multi-tenant and multi-use spaces, and then integrating these systems with easy-to-use control systems, audiovisual devices, security and life safety appliances, and Internet of Things (IoT) and other intelligent devices.

NSCA represents dozens of Maryland-based member companies with bona fide qualifications and years of experience in this specialized, ever-changing, and technology-driven field. NSCA members include technology solutions professionals, manufacturers, industry-related professionals, professional services, and manufacturer representatives. Our member companies range from small, independent electronic systems contracting firms to large, multi-national manufacturers. Most NSCA members are small, independent, locally owned and operated technology professionals with a strong entrepreneurial spirit. These technology professionals design, install, and integrate electronic systems throughout the region and represent a vital part of small business throughout Maryland.

NSCA supports SB 444 to ensure our members can attain state licensure that meets their scope of work. The bill would streamline the current licensing requirements allowing the board to clearly define the work of small businesses whose installations include items such as audio, video, security, power-over-ethernet, Internet of Things, and satellite systems. Additionally, by using the definition of Class 2 and 3 circuits as defined in the National Electrical Code it would allow for the continuing evolution of technology and provide a clear definition of scope of work.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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