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Dear Senators and Representatives:

The National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) commend your extraordinary leadership on working to proactively secure America's vital energy systems. The introduction of the *Securing Community Upgrades for a Resilient Grid Act* (SECURE Grid Act) in the Senate and the passage by the House Energy and Commerce Committee are critical steps to ensuring electric distribution security planning keeps pace with rapidly evolving cyber and physical threats to our nation's electric grid. Recent and growing cyber threats from nation state terrorists reinforces the importance of the SECURE Grid Act, as does ongoing physical and weather-related risks our states, utilities, and the electric supply chain providers regularly experience.

We urge your help in moving quickly to advance the bipartisan SECURE Grid Act toward final passage. Supporting state and industry actions to help address energy sector threats, particularly those associated with the electric grid, can avoid catastrophic economic impacts and loss of life associated with significant power outages. Even as we work in partnership with energy providers on improving affordability, a significant power outage could negate those efforts and cause substantial financial losses and rebuilding costs for our nation, states, and consumers.

We stand ready to support your efforts to advance the SECURE Grid Act into law and are preparing to act quickly on the practical steps called for in the Act. Thank you for your leadership and foresight.

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CC: Senator Jeanne Shaheen

About NASEO – The National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) is the only national nonprofit organization representing the governor-designated energy directors and their offices – the State Energy Offices – from the 56 States and Territories across the nation. Formed by the states in 1986, NASEO facilitates sharing of best practices among states, serves as a technical and policy resource for states, and advocates the interests of State Energy Offices to Congress and federal agencies.

About NEMA – The National Electrical Manufacturers Association is a 100-year-old standards development organization that represents more than 300 electrical manufacturers making products and technologies that generate, transmit, store, and distribute electric power, including grid components such as transformers, switchgear, breakers, cables and motor controls. Together, NEMA member companies contribute a full 1% of U.S. gross domestic product and directly provide more than 580,000 jobs while adding more than \$330 billion to the U.S. economy.