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Hon. John R. Gordner
Chairman
Senate Committee on Labor & Industry
Senate Box 203027
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3027

Hon. Christine Tartaglione
Minority Chairwoman
Senate Committee on Labor & Industry
Senate Box 203002
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3002

**Re: SB 1023– *Legislation Amending the Act of November 10, 1999 (P.L. 491, No. 45),
Known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act***

POSITION: Support Improvements to RAC Process

Allied Tube & Conduit is a member of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA). We understand that a NEMA representative will provide testimony September 24 at a hearing concerning this pending legislation. Allied Tube is a part of Atkore International, a 1.7 billion dollar company. Our Allied Tube & Conduit facility in Philadelphia employs over 300 people, 220 of whom are members of the United Steelworkers Local 404-38.

As employers in Pennsylvania and as contributors to the Pennsylvania economy, we support the NEMA position in support of the **“opt-out” model in SB 1023.**

In addition, Allied Tube & Conduit firmly believes that maintaining a three-year review and adoption period that coincides with the national model code publishing cycle is the best way to ensure an even standard of safety for all occupants in the built environment. A three year cycle ensures that the codes incorporate the latest advancements in safety technology as well as innovations in scientific and engineering principles.

We also believe that Pennsylvania should strengthen its law to make construction code review and adoption more predictable, transparent, and timely in accordance with the publication of the most current model codes. We and other NEMA members – particularly those with facilities in Pennsylvania –are committed to lending our expertise in this area and to working with members of the legislature and the RAC now and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elaine Thompson'.

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