

# The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Gave \$124,000 To The Sedition Caucus And Has Multiple Ties To Trump, Including An Executive Whose State Senate Bid Was Enthusiastically Endorsed By The Former President

**SUMMARY:** So far in 2021, the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) has given \$124,000 to the Sedition Caucus despite touting a commitment to "[integrity and ethics](#)."

Beyond its Sedition Caucus contributions, NECA has significant ties to Trump and Republican operatives, including:

- NECA hosted Trump at its 2018 annual convention, where he claimed "'[we're in the midst of a manufacturing renaissance](#)'"—however, "[hundreds of thousands of manufacturing jobs](#)" were lost by the end of Trump's term, due in part to his "[anti-trade agenda](#)."
- NECA's [Vice President of Labor Relations](#) was enthusiastically [endorsed by Trump](#) to be a Virginia state senator in 2019, ran a "[racially polarizing](#)" flyer in that race, and [currently touts](#) his previous Trump endorsement in his bid to be the Chairman of a Virginia Republican committee.
- NECA's [Executive Director of Government Affairs](#) worked for Republican congressman [Rep. Tim Murphy \(R-PA\)](#), who [did not disavow Trump](#) ahead of the 2016 election and who later [resigned](#) amid an affair scandal.

Additionally, NECA's Sedition Caucus contributions are at odds with a "[Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force](#)" the group formed in December 2020 and claimed would contribute to a "[a long-term cultural shift, on national and local levels](#)." Meanwhile, the insurrection was seen as "[the culmination](#)" of Trump-era white supremacy.

## The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Gave \$124,000 To Republicans Who Would Not Certify President Biden's Electoral Victory, But Touts Its Vision Of "Ethics And Integrity."

### So Far In 2021, NECA Has Given \$124,000 To Republican Members Of Congress Who Would Not Certify President Biden's Electoral Victory.

The National Electrical Contractor Association (NECA) Has Given \$124,000 To The Sedition Caucus, As Of December 22, 2021. [Accountable.US, Corporate Donations Tracker, accessed [12/22/21](#)]

PAC	Member of Congress	Amount	Date
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11)	\$10,000	9/28/21; 6/25/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Carol Miller (WV-03)	\$10,000	9/28/21; 6/25/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Lisa McClain (MI-10)	\$7,500	9/28/21; 6/22/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25)	\$5,000	3/22/21

National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Lance Gooden (TX-05)	\$5,000	6/28/21; 3/22/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	\$5,000	3/11/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Bill Johnson (OH-06)	\$5,000	6/29/21; 3/22/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Lloyd Smucker (PA-11)	\$5,000	6/25/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. John Rutherford (FL-04)	\$5,000	6/25/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. John Joyce (PA-13)	\$5,000	9/28/21; 6/25/21; 3/22/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Rob Wittman (VA-01)	\$5,000	9/23/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Virginia Foxx (NC-05)	\$5,000	3/11/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Mike Bost (IL-12)	\$5,000	6/25/21; 3/22/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Kat Cammack (FL-03)	\$4,000	9/29/21; 6/28/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Jason Smith (MO-08)	\$3,500	9/29/21; 3/22/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Sam Graves (MO-06)	\$5,000	11/05/21; 6/11/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Tim Walberg (MI-07)	\$2,500	6/25/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Glenn Thompson (PA-15)	\$5,000	11/05/21; 6/25/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Billy Long (MO-07)	\$2,500	6/25/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Elise Stefanik (NY-21)	\$2,500	9/23/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Lee Zeldin (NY-01)	\$2,500	3/11/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Brian Mast (FL-18)	\$2,500	9/23/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Carlos Gimenez (FL-26)	\$2,500	9/29/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Jeff Duncan (SC-03)	\$2,000	6/25/21; 4/1/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. William Timmons (SC-04)	\$2,000	6/22/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Daniel Meuser (PA-09)	\$2,000	9/28/21; 6/25/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)	\$1,000	6/28/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Morgan Griffith (VA-09)	\$1,000	6/25/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Diana Harshbarger (TN-01)	\$1,000	9/28/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Jefferson Van Drew (NJ-02)	\$2,000	3/22/21; 11/05/21
National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Ron Estes (KS-04)	\$1,000	9/23/21

National Electrical Contractors Association Political Action Committee (NECAPAC)	Rep. Buddy Carter (GA-01)	\$2,000	6/25/21; 11/19/21
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$124,000</b>	

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**NECA: “We Encourage Active Competition And Sound, Ethical Business Practices.”** “We promote and encourage efficient, safe and economical electrical installations. We encourage active competition and sound, ethical business practices with promotion of cooperation and good will among the members of the electrical contracting industry, the electricians working for them, members of other construction trades, governmental bodies and the public. NECA fosters and conducts training programs to keep the Toledo area electrical contractors and electricians on the cutting edge of technology.” [National Electrical Contractors Association, accessed [11/29/21](#)]

**December 2020: NECA Formed A Diversity And Inclusion Taskforce, But Supported The Caucus Who Fueled An Insurrection, Seen As "The Culmination" Of Trump-Era White Supremacism.**

**December 2020: NECA Formed A Diversity And Inclusion Taskforce And Claimed Its Members Would Contribute To "A Long-Term Cultural Shift, On National And Local Levels."**

**December 2020: NECA Formed A Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion Taskforce.** “The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) announced it has formed a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I) Task Force, made up of 20 NECA national staff members, chapter staff, and executives from member companies. Task Force members represent the entire United States, including all 10 NECA districts.” [National Electrical Contractors Association, [12/21/20](#)]

**NECA Claimed The Taskforce Members Will "Create A Long-Term Cultural Shift, On National And Local Levels, Where Each Person Can Thrive And Be Empowered."** "Its members will strive to create a long-term cultural shift, on national and local levels, where each person can thrive and be empowered to contribute to the overall success of our industry." [National Electrical Contractors Association, [12/21/20](#)]

**The Associated Press Found That The Insurrection Was "The Culmination" Of Several White Supremacist Displays During The Trump Administration, Including The Deadly "'Unite The Right'" Rally In Charlottesville.**

**Associated Press: “Years Of White Supremacy Threats Culminated In Capitol Riots.”** [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

**The Associated Press Found That The Insurrection Was "The Culmination" Of Several White Supremacist Displays During The Trump Administration, Including The Deadly "Unite The Right Rally."** "Amid the American flags and Trump 2020 posters at the U.S. Capitol during last week's insurrection were far more sinister symbols: A man walking the halls of Congress carrying a Confederate flag. Banners proclaiming white supremacy and anti-government extremism. A makeshift noose and gallows ominously erected outside. In many ways this hate-filled display was the culmination of many others over the past few years, including the deadly 2017 'Unite the Right' rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, that gathered extremist factions from across the country under a single banner." [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

- **"Extremist Groups" Had A Presence In The Insurrection, "Including The Pro-Trump, Far-Right, Anti-Government Oath Keepers And The Three Percenters."** "Extremist groups, including the pro-Trump, far-right, anti-government Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters, a loose anti-government network that's part of the militia movement, were among those descending on the halls of power on Jan. 6." [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

**Avowed White Nationalist Group The Groyper Army Was Present At The Insurrection.** "Also among the rioters were members of Groyper Army, a loose network of white nationalists, the white supremacist New Jersey European Heritage Association, and the far-right extremist Proud Boys, along with other known white supremacists, Tuchman said. While not all the anti-government groups were explicitly white supremacist, Tuchman said many support white supremacist beliefs." [AP, [1/14/21](#)]

**NECA Hosted Trump At Its 2018 Annual Convention, Where He Claimed "We're In The Midst Of A Manufacturing Renaissance"—However, "Hundreds Of Thousands Of Manufacturing Jobs" Were Lost By The End Of Trump's Term.**

**President Trump Spoke At NECA's Annual Convention In 2018, Where He Claimed "We're In The Midst Of A Manufacturing Renaissance"...**

**September 2018: President Trump Spoke At NECA's Annual Convention, Where He Claimed "We're In The Midst Of A Manufacturing Renaissance."** "President Donald Trump is highlighting what he calls an 'economic revival' as he addresses electrical contractors in Philadelphia. Trump said Tuesday that the stock market has hit more than 100 record highs since he was sworn into office and that it will soon be announced that the country has created more than 640,000 manufacturing jobs since January. Trump says: 'We're in the midst of a manufacturing renaissance.' Trump was speaking to the National Electrical Contractors Association Convention a day after celebrating a new North American trade deal. Trump calls the agreement 'USMCA,' for U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, saying he doesn't want to use the previous name, NAFTA that deal cost American jobs." [WCAU, [9/29/18](#)]



[CBS Philly, [10/02/18](#)]

**...However, "Hundreds Of Thousands Of Manufacturing Jobs" Were Lost By The End Of Trump's Term, Due In Part To His "Anti-Trade Agenda."**

HEADLINE: "Trump Hails 'Manufacturing Miracle' As Factories Bleed Jobs." [Politico, [09/16/20](#)]

"Hundreds Of Thousands Of Manufacturing Jobs" Were Lost During Trump's Term, Due In Part To His "Anti-Trade Agenda." "Four years after he won the Midwest by vowing to revitalize the U.S. manufacturing workforce, President Donald Trump is campaigning for reelection on a job well done. The numbers tell a different story. Trump's anti-trade agenda and a pandemic-induced recession have combined to shutter factories and accelerate decades-old trends toward automation, eliminating hundreds of thousands of manufacturing jobs, many for good, including in the Rust Belt states he needs to win in November." [Politico, [09/16/20](#)]

**NECA Leadership Contains Republican Operatives, Including A Former Virginia State Senate Candidate Who Was Enthusiastically Endorsed By Trump, Ran A "Racially Polarizing" Flyer, And Still Touts His Trump Endorsement In His Current Bid To Be A Republican Committee Chair.**

**NECA's Vice President Of Labor Relations Was Directly Endorsed By Trump To Be A Virginia State Senator In 2019, Ran A "Racially Polarizing" Flyer In That Race, And Currently Touts His Trump Endorsement In His Bid To Be The Chairman Of Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District's Republican Committee.**

**NECA's Vice President Of Labor Relations Is Geary Higgins.** "Geary M. Higgins, Vice President of Labor Relations for the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), has the primary responsibility for establishing, maintaining, and repairing the relationships with all levels of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and represents NECA with the IBEW in joint programs on a national level." [National Electrical Contractors Association, accessed [11/29/21](#)]



## Geary Higgins



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Higgins has worked in the construction industry for 30-plus years. He began his career as a sales representative for Georgia-Pacific Corporation, a leading manufacturer and distributor of building materials.

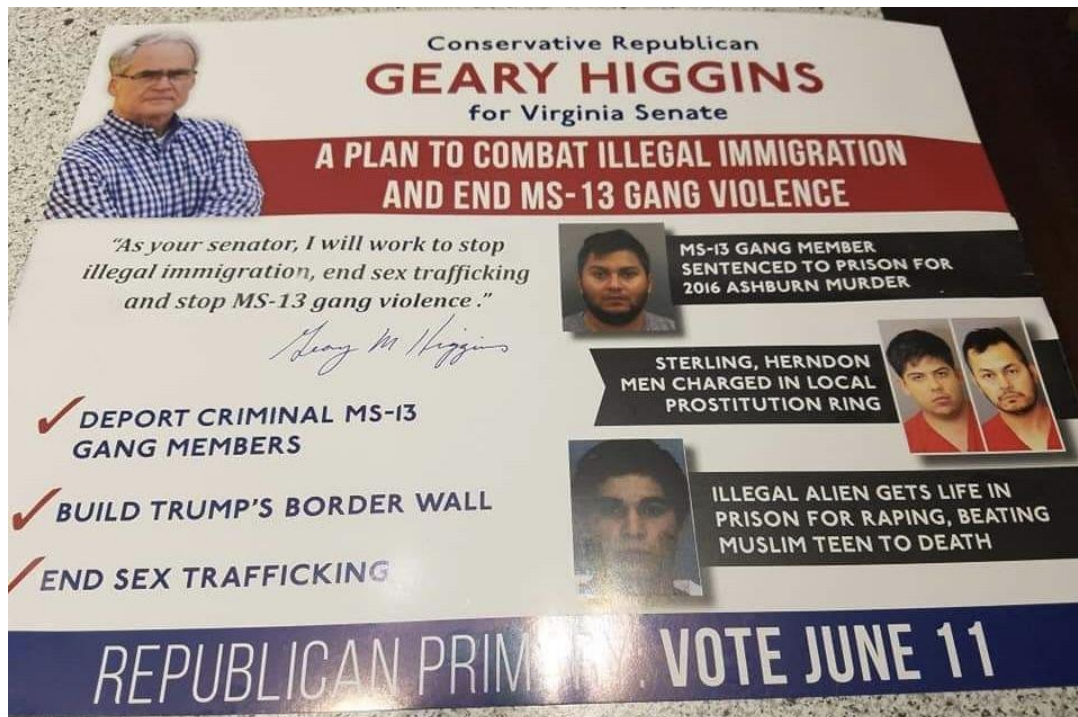
His association with NECA began in 1983 as a field representative for the NECA's Eastern Region. In 1984, Higgins moved to NECA's national office as an assistant director of Labor Relations, and in 1986, he assumed the position of NECA's executive director of Labor Relations.

[National Electrical Contractors Association, accessed [11/29/21](#)]

**2019: Higgins Was The Republican Candidate For Virginia State Senate District 13.** "Democrat John Bell has defeated Republican Geary Higgins for the 13th District state Senate seat, considered a key if Democrats are to take control of the chamber." [Inside Nova, [11/5/19](#)]

**November 2019: Trump Tweeted, "Great Republican Geary Higgins Has My Complete And Total Endorsement For Virginia Senate, 13th District."** "In a pair of tweets posted early Monday morning, the president hailed Louisiana gubernatorial candidate Eddie Rispone and Virginia State Senate candidate Geary Higgins (R), currently a district supervisor in Loudoun County, ahead of their elections this month. [...] 'Great Republican Geary Higgins has my complete and total Endorsement for Virginia Senate, 13th District,' Trump tweeted. 'He is strong on Crime, the Border, our Military, Cutting Taxes, and protecting your 2nd Amendment. Dem John Bell will take your guns & raise your taxes. Vote for Geary Higgins.'" [The Hill, [11/04/19](#)]

**Loudoun Times-Mirror Op-Ed: Geary Higgins' Campaign Distributed A "Racially Polarizing" Flyer About Immigration.** "I'd hoped the national ugliness wouldn't reach Loudoun, but about two weeks ago a campaign flyer from Republican state Senate candidate Geary Higgins was delivered to my mailbox. [...] The racially polarizing flyer is intended to motivate Republican primary voters at the expense of Loudoun County's 57,096 Hispanic residents. As of 2018, Loudoun County was 14.2 percent Hispanic." [Loudoun Times-Mirror, [05/31/19](#)]



[Loudoun Times-Mirror, [05/31/19](#)]

As Of November 2021, Higgins Was Running To Be The Chairman Of Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District's Republican Committee. According to his website, Higgins is running for chairman of Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> congressional district Republican Committee. [Geary Higgins, accessed [11/29/21](#)]



[Geary Higgins for Chairman, accessed [11/29/21](#)]

Higgins' Chairman Campaign Touted His 2019 Endorsement From Trump:



[Geary Higgins for Chairman, accessed [11/29/21](#)]

**NECA's Executive Director Of Government Affairs Previously Worked For Republican Congressman Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA), Who Did Not Disavow Trump Ahead Of The 2016 Election And Later Resigned Amid An Affair Scandal.**

James Farrell Has Been The Executive Director Of Government Affairs For NECA Since January 2021, According To His LinkedIn Profile. [LinkedIn, accessed [11/29/21](#)]

## Experience



### National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)

4 yrs 11 mos

#### Executive Director of Government Affairs

Full-time

Jan 2021 – Present · 11 mos

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

#### Director Of Government Affairs

Jul 2019 – Jan 2021 · 1 yr 7 mos

Washington, District Of Columbia

#### Manager Government Affairs

Jan 2017 – Jul 2019 · 2 yrs 7 mos

[LinkedIn, accessed [11/29/21](#)]

- **Farrell Was Listed As NECA's Executive Director Of Government Affairs As Of December 1, 2021.** [National Electrical Contractors Association, accessed [12/01/21](#)]

**September 2015-December 2015: Farrell Was A Scheduler For Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA).** According to Legistorm, Farrell was a scheduler for Rep. Tim Murphy. [Legistorm, accessed [11/29/21](#)]

**May 2015-September 2015: Farrell Was A Staff Assistant For Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA).** According to Legistorm, Farrell was a staff assistant Rep. Tim Murphy. [Legistorm, accessed [11/29/21](#)]

**Rep. Tim Murphy Was A Republican Member Of Congress Who Resigned Amid A Scandal Over An Extramarital Affair.** "Rep. Tim Murphy said Thursday that he will resign from Congress this month, a day after the eight-term Pennsylvania Republican announced that he would not seek reelection amid a personal scandal. ' [...] The resignation of Murphy, a clinical psychologist, comes after a news report claimed that the married Republican had asked a woman with whom he had an extramarital affair to get an abortion. [...] Murphy is a member of the House Pro-Life Caucus and was a co-sponsor of a Republican bill approved Tuesday that bans most abortions after 20 weeks of fetal development." [The Washington Post, [10/05/17](#)]

**Rep. Tim Murphy Did Not Explicitly Condemn Trump Ahead Of The 2016 Election And Had Stated He "Has Every Intention Of Supporting The Republican Nominee For President."** "Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Upper St. Clair, has not made it clear if he is supporting Mr. Trump for president, but indicated in March he had every intention of supporting the party's candidate, whomever it may be. Running unopposed for reelection, Mr. Murphy criticized Mr. Trump for his 2005 comments about groping women, but didn't clarify his level of support for the real estate businessman. [...] In a statement, Mr. Murphy's campaign indicates he 'has every intention of supporting the Republican nominee for president. He trusts the voters of our party to select the best candidate.'" [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, accessed [12/01/21](#)]