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From: Nick Smith <nicos1973@live.com>
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To: House Corporations Committee
Subject: Attention, Bill H-7015

To whom it may concern,

My name is Nicholas Smith, I am a 2nd year apprentice in the electeical trade and wish to send this email in regards about Bill H-7015.

In my time as an apprentice I have been able to earn skills on the different jobs that allow me to advance my career. A large part of why I am able to learn these skills is because of the work that we are assigned to do. These skills range from constructing the project to be followed by wiring these items. These steps are key involvements in allowing for the myself and other apprentice to understand the full scope of the product we are supposed to be working with. If steps are taken away from this learning experience, then we can be left to never understand the full Integrcy of why products need to be completed in certain ways. These help provide us not only with knowledge, but critical safety information allowing us to better perform our task for the community around us.

While safety is not only a main issue for us on the job site, it should also be for those inspecting our work. Only a very skilled worker, who holds different master licenses and continues to take updated courses of knowledge should be allowed to inspect our work. It is those skilled individuals that have the correct knowledge information to see items, either large or small, that need to be corrected. I personally would not want to see a home inspector come into my house, with no ongoing background knowledge of the electeical field, and pass or approve the task that was completed.

As a recent home buyer in RI, I can confirm that the home inspector who came to my house had no knowledge to understand any electrical issues. They simply came in with a Receptacle tester and said if he thought it was good or not good. There was a series of problems with the electrical in our home that needed to be addressed shortly after moving in. I feel if we had hired a trained electrical inspector with the knowledge of the field, that these issues would have been spotted and corrected before we signed the bill of sale.

I wish to extend on my and my fellow electrician behalf to have bill H-7015 be passed with no amendments. This bill is crucial for the learning and safety of everybody in our field and everybody we do any work for.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Smith