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Testimony of the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 91

General Law Committee

Connecticut General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 13 An Act Expanding Economic opportunity in licensed occupations Concerning

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Chairman Rep.D'Agostino and Chairman Sen Fonfara, Ranking members and Honorable Members of the General Law committee:

My name is John DeRosa, of Tolland Connecticut. I represent the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 91. I am submitting this testimony in **Strong Opposition** to raised Senate Bill 13

As a R2 Elevator Journeyperson, I have been licensed in Connecticut for more than thirty-five years, and currently serve as the Chairman of the Elevator Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Work Examination Board for the State of Connecticut.

As a member of the "Elevator Board" I have strongly supported the efforts of the State of Connecticut to promote the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the general public through current licensing laws and regulations. As elevator Constructors, our job is highly skilled and specialized, and we go through extensive on-the-job training with in-classroom related Instruction.

SB13 allows related instruction to be completed with an online course. Classroom and hands-on instruction are needed to ensure students understand their craft due to potential dangers for the riding public.

Bill SB 13 allows a person who is licensed in another state to obtain a Connecticut license without approval from the Elevator Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Work Examination Board, which would put the safety of the general public and workers of the state of Connecticut at risk. The definition and scope of elevator work may not be the same in every state and building codes used to install, repair and maintain equipment may also not be the same in every state. This would mean that a person working on equipment that the general public rides could be doing so without the proper on-the-job training. Additionally, related instruction in other states may not meet Connecticut's standards, and as a result, such persons may not be

competent to perform all services in that licensed trade in Connecticut. This would jeopardize the safety of the general public and workers in the state of CT. **If SB 13 passes, the safety of the General public and workers in the state of Connecticut would be at risk. I urge this committee to reject SB 13.**

Respectfully submitted,

John DeRosa

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