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SB 13: An Act Expanding Economic Opportunity in Licensed Occupations

Chairman D'Agostino, Chairman Maroney, and members of committee; my name is Anthony Soter, a licensed electrician in Connecticut and a member of electrical licensing board.

I am submitting testimony today to oppose SB 13. To allow someone to sit for an electrical license in Connecticut based on holding a similar license in another state is not in the best interest for the consumers of Connecticut.

As an electrical board member, I hear how electricians have received their licenses in other states, some were grandfathered in (given a license), some have some training, and some have none. The state of Connecticut set high standards to protect the consumers from shady workmanship.

With close to 12,000 journey persons who have achieved this high standard it would be a disservice to the license holder and the state to let just anyone to sit for a test based on holding a license elsewhere.

Any watering down of a license whether it is through online registration or adding an apprentice to a job is not good for the consumer or the safety of the work.

All licenses are issued by the Department of Consumer Protection and the license holder and Dept. are there for the protection of the consumer.

Thank You,

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