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Governor's Bill No. 6445

AN ACT EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN OCCUPATIONS
LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION.

Chairman D'Agostino, Chairman Maroney, Ranking Members and Honorable Members of the General Law Committee:

My name is Paul Farnsworth, of North Branford, Connecticut. I am writing to voice my **strong opposition to Governor's Bill No. 6445.**

I am a fourth generation Elevator Contractor. My family began Elevator manufacturing and contracting in 1895 in New Haven, CT and we have 126 years of continuous experience in our chosen industry. I have been licensed in Connecticut for more than forty years, as an R2 Unlimited Elevator Journeyman and as an R1 Unlimited Elevator Contractor.

Currently, I am a Contractor Member and a past Chairman of the Elevator Installation, Repair and Maintenance Work Examining Board (Elevator Board), for the State of Connecticut.

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The current standards in Connecticut result in highly trained, highly skilled, licensed occupational tradespersons. This culture of strict training and standards, has resulted in fewer deaths and injuries than most other states.

An expansion of economic opportunity should never be allowed to be promoted at the expense of public safety, or worker safety.

In short, the health, safety and welfare of the general public and tradespersons working in occupations licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection, will be jeopardized by **Governor's Bill No. 6445** and I strongly oppose the passage of this Bill.

I am available at any time for additional questions, or requests for further information regarding this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my views to your distinguished committee.

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