

# ***Guarantee Mechanical Services, Inc.***

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**License Numbers MC 1008 S-1 302569 P-1 204046 F-1 11007 SM-1 2203**

**State of Connecticut**

**Regarding: Raised S.B. No.673**

**We are deeply concerned with the State of Connecticut's lack of license enforcement and penalty for lack of.**

**This year the state has mandated schooling for plumbers and there is talk of other trades having the same. We, as state of Connecticut mechanical based contractors are already under some of the strictest rules and regulations regarding licenses and apprenticeships in the country.**

**It's not that we are against strict rules for construction, it's that we find ourselves competing on a regular bases with out of state contractors. Supposedly, this is already against the law, but all written complaints by us have gone unanswered.**

**When we recently called the Department of Consumer Protection, we were told they are still working on complaints from 2001.**

**We have all heard of the ongoing problems regarding the State of Connecticut UCONN Facility construction. "Shoddy construction." We have heard about the lack of licensed Connecticut companies obtaining these contracts. No proper license enforcement. What's going on here!**

**Throughout this year we have lost numerous projects to Massachusetts and New York contractors. (Marshall's Department Store, Enfield, all Best Buy Department Stores) completed by a state of Maine sheet metal contractor, both of which we submitted written complaints to Consumer Protection. Both complaints still stand unanswered.**

**We have also seen a dramatic increase in handymen advertising for plumbing repairs. The majority of residential repairs are completed by these handymen. They are not licensed for plumbing work. Not only are these under qualified individuals putting the public health in jeopardy, but the majority of consumer complaints are for shoddy craftsmanship. The state should investigate exactly what the complaints are. These consumer complaints are not due to licensed plumbing contractors in the state of Connecticut. Connecticut based plumbing contractors have obtained licensing through strict state of Connecticut apprenticeship and quality schooling provided by the state. These are our observations.**

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**Rather than license enforcement, the state felt our experienced plumbers should go to school on a valued Saturday. More useless mandate on the back of legitimate Connecticut business.**

**The state needs legitimate license enforcement and substantial penalties for non compliance. It is reasonable to ask for this.**

**Sincerely,**

**Charles L. Hooper Jr.  
Vice President**

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