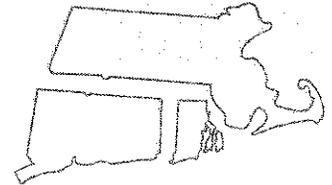




**Independent Electrical Contractors
of New England, Inc.**



TO: The Honorable Gary LeBeau and Jeff Berger
Co-Chairs, Commerce Committee
Members of the Commerce Committee

From: Lisa Hutner, Executive Director

Date: February 17, 2009

RE: **SUPPORT – HB-5930, AN ACT REQUIRING SMALL BUSINESS
IMPACT ANALYSES FOR PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

The Independent Electrical Contractors of New England (IEC-NE) supports **HB-5930, An Act Requiring Small Business Impact Analyses for Proposed Regulations**, which will strengthen Connecticut's regulatory fairness law to assist small businesses.

A more open process for adopting new regulations affecting small businesses will be a welcome relief to many of our members, most of which are small businesses with fewer than 75 employees. HB-5930 requires state agencies to prepare small business impact analyses for proposed regulations that will make it clear how a proposed regulation affects small businesses in this state.

As a trade association representing electrical contractors, IEC-NE works with the Electrical Examining Board of the state Department of Consumer Protection on regulations and policies affecting our members. The expertise of the examining board is critical to creating balanced regulations that protect small businesses and consumers. Unfortunately, we are affected by regulations from a variety of agencies where this mechanism isn't available to us. Too often, we are unaware of how a regulation will impact us until we are facing deadlines and have to scramble to comply or face penalties. HB-5930 will help address these concerns and improve our business climate.

For these reasons, we urge lawmakers to **support HB-5930**.

The Independent Electrical Contractors of New England is the premier trade association representing Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island independent electrical contractors aggressively working with the industry to establish a free environment for merit shop -- a philosophy that promotes the concept of free enterprise, open competition and economic opportunity for all.

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