

**TESTIMONY  
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ASSOCIATION  
BEFORE THE  
GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE  
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The Connecticut Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association (CT-PHCC) supports SB-185, An Act Concerning Advertising by Nonlicensed Tradespersons.

This bill addresses concerns that consumers have faced regarding individuals or companies who advertise in the yellow pages or other publications as a plumber or other trade but who are not licensed for that trade by the State of Connecticut. To address this problem, several states have already enacted laws which explicitly state that it is a misdemeanor for any person to advertise as a tradesperson unless that person holds a valid license for that trade.

Allowing unlicensed contractors to operate in Connecticut hurts our entire industry by exposing workers and consumers to potentially unsafe situations. Those of us who have worked hard to promote the professionalism of our industries through licensure and education support efforts to prohibit unlicensed contractors from doing business in Connecticut. This is in the best interest of the industry and the best interest of consumers.

**CT-PHCC therefore urges lawmakers to support SB-185.**

*CT-PHCC is a not-for-profit trade association that represents the professional plumbing, heating and cooling contractors in the state of Connecticut. CT-PHCC and its members are committed to protecting the health and safety of the public. Contractors who belong to the association have demonstrated reliability and trustworthiness and are licensed by the state of Connecticut.*