

Testimony for Bill# 6446 Licensing requirements of Video Installers

I Robert Cullen, AT&T technician for 39 years, and Vice President of the Plant department for CWA1298 believe this is a very important bill. All AT&T technicians have to have a Public Service license and many still carry a T-1 license. This ensures that the tech showing up at a customer's house and or business has been properly trained and is qualified to do such work.

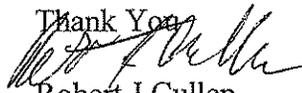
By not having a requirement across the board creates a disadvantage to the companies that do license their technicians. Any contractor company can go out and hire a bunch of hacks to go out and do this work at a much cheaper cost not to mention the lack of training and safety to these technicians.

AT&T spends a great deal of money for these licenses, training and safety so the public can have the best possible technician showing up at their house or place of business to do such work.

This requirement can also generate a large amount of income for the State of Connecticut especially now when we have such a large budget deficiate. These contractors and unlicensed technicians have reaped this benefit for way too long and now should be accountable for paying their fair share the same as AT&T has too.

This licensing requirement makes total sense and is good for business, the public, and the State of Connecticut.

Thank You



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