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Good Morning Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak and members of the General Law Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today on such important legislation. This is a right and privilege more citizens should partake in.

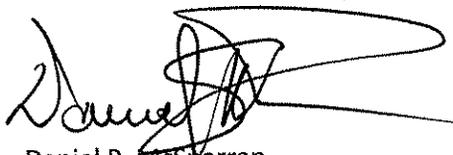
Today I bring to you my concerns with regard to existing licensing statutes. HB 6446 AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND CERTIFIED COMPETITIVE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS, this act is structured to correct flaws in the current licensing requirements.

Current licensing requirements apply only to employees of the Video Service Providers such as AT&T, COMCAST, CHARTER, METRO CAST, COX etc. The current licensing requirements **DO NOT** apply any contractors that would be brought in to perform the exact same work as the Video Service Provider's employees.

HB 6446 needs to be passed by the members of the General Law Committee to set the same standards for all that do the same work. The PST (Public Service Technician) license required and issued by the Department of Consumer Protection exists to protect the Connecticut consumers. The PST establishes training requirements and skill sets that these technicians must achieve in order to perform a safe and quality installation in homes and business locations across the State of Connecticut.

Additionally the State of Connecticut will receive revenue from the license fees that the contractors would be paying when this bill becomes law.

I strongly urge the committee members to vote in favor of HB 6446.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel P. McSparran", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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