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**SB-867, AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE MECHANICAL  
CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS  
BEFORE THE  
GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 24, 2011**

The Connecticut Heating & Cooling Contractors Association (CHCC) submits the following comments opposing SB-867, An Act Concerning Penalties For The Violation Of The Mechanical Contractor Registration Requirements:

Members of the heating and cooling industry oppose this legislation. We are concerned that this bill is unnecessary and will only lead to confusion in the industry. Currently there are approximately 81 registered mechanical contractors in Connecticut. It is unclear if this legislation will impact those existing registered contractors, or impose additional burdens other properly licensed contractors who currently perform heating, piping and cooling work.

In addition, CHCC believes that the Department of Consumer Protection already possesses the authority to enforce violations of licensing laws and/or willful employment of an individual who does not hold a proper license and therefore section 2 of the bill is duplicative with existing law.

CHCC thanks the Committee for its consideration of our comments and urges rejection of SB-867.

*CHCC is a trade association whose objectives are to strengthen and further trade relations, attract, educate and train necessary manpower, represent members at all levels of government and review and establish quality standards and procedures. The association represents over 125 Heating & Cooling Companies in Connecticut.*