

Good Morning, I want to request that the General Law Committee at the public hearing on March 8, 2011 consider the real benefits of supporting HB 6446 An ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND CERTIFIED COMPETITIVE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS.

HB 6446 is about fairness in the work place. Under the current regulations AT&T, Comcast, Cox Communications or any of the many other video service companies can two workers working on the exact same equipment for an installation project. The only differences between the workers being that one worker is an employee of the video service company and the other being a contracted worker brought in for the specific project. Under the current rules and regulations only one of these two workers has to maintain a public service technician license issued by the consumer protection department. That worker is the direct employee of the video service company, AT&T, Comcast, Cox Communications or what ever company it is, the contracted employee is not required to be licensed. Without a licensing requirement for the contracted workers how is it determined that these workers have the proper training or skills to do this work. This should raise some questions for all citizens and especially for the Committee members here today. Please make sure that we have the same rules for workers who are doing the same work.

Please vote yes for HB 6446 when the bill comes before a vote in the General Law Committee.

Thank you for your consideration,


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