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**TESTIMONY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
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I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my support for **HB-6296, AN ACT ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, AND THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE.**

As a graduate of Howell Cheney Technical High School, which is part of the Connecticut Technical High School System, a licensed Electrical Unlimited Journey Person, a principal in a small business and a resident of the state of Connecticut I find it hard to believe we cannot keep up with the current code cycle.

Just a couple reasons I can easily come up with are safer wiring practices and products. Our apprentices are taught and tested off of the current code because the tests are administered by a national testing service. How can these up and coming trades people be taught on the 2008 National Electrical Code in school and yet we tell them you cannot use what you are taught in school to the actual installations they are doing? Because we are still on the 2005 National Electric Code. With that being said we are on the verge of the 2011 National Electric Code, so now we are two code cycles out of date.

Its like a car mechanic using a 2005 repair manual for 2011 car, it just doesn't work.

We need to have the current code cycle adopted and adopted within a reasonable time table. **I therefore urge your support for HB-6296.**