

**LABOR COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING - February 10, 2011**  
**TESTIMONY**

RE: **SB 480 – AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION SAFETY REFRESHER**  
**TRAINING COURSES**

**Submitted by: Mechanical Contractors Association of Connecticut (MCAC)**  
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The Mechanical Contractors Association of Connecticut (MCAC) supports Raised Bill No. 480 concerning construction safety refresher training courses that allows licensed plumbers and electricians who participate in Department of Consumer Protection mandated continuing education requirements and obtain a certificate of continuing education required under C.S.C. 20-334d to take a four-hour OSHA refresher training course every five years rather than a ten-hour training course every ten years.

**MCAC employs plumbers licensed under Chapter 393** of the CT. General Statutes. Subsection (c) of Sec. 20-334d licensed plumbers are required to participate in a total of seven hours of accredited continuing professional education every two years, except in the event of significant changes to the building code, as approved by the international Code Council, that relate to plumbing. The Consumer Protection Commissioner has the authority to require more than seven hours of training every two years if necessary.

Safety training is and always has been a top priority for the members of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Connecticut and the people they employ. This bill recognizes that the accredited continuing professional education requirements mandated by the DCP statute Sec. 20-334d is an important part of the overall training required under DOL statute Sec. 31-53b.

MCAC urges your support for this bill.

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