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General Law Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT

RE: HB No 5908
Certification Standards for the Spray Foam Industry

Dear General Law Committee:

As the owner and operator of a small spray foam insulation company I completely understand the need for proper training and certification for any company actively engaged in the business of installing polyurethane based spray foam, whether it be in a customer's home or commercial setting. If installed correctly it is a perfectly safe product; if installed incorrectly there could be health repercussions for both the spray foam installers as well as the building's occupants.

While I agree with the need to regulate this industry, I'm requesting the General Law Committee consider exempting companies that have already taken the time and absorbed the expense of becoming trained and certified by a reputable Spray Foam Training Facility.

The Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA) should not be the only acceptable form of certification required of spray foam companies. I was trained and certified by Bayer Corporation -- an intense, week long certification school based in Arizona. I have also sprayed in excess of 2 million board feet of foam without incident or call backs. To require struggling companies in a struggling economy to absorb the added expense of redundant certification would impose an unnecessary financial burden.

In short, requiring proper certification is necessary to protect the health and safety of spray foam installers and the customers they serve, however, please consider exempting those companies that can prove they have received SPFA comparable training in addition to a minimum amount of years in business or having a certain level of spray foam installation experience.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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