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**General Law Committee  
Connecticut General Assembly**

**Public Hearing  
Tuesday, March 5, 2013; 6:00 pm**

**Location:**

**Bloomfield Senior Services  
330 Park Avenue  
Bloomfield, CT 06002**

**Subject:**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 6442 (RAISED) AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN DISTRIBUTION  
WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES FROM PROFESSIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

Senator Doyle, Representative Baram, Ranking Members & Members of the General Law Committee:

My name is Paul Farnsworth, of North Branford, Connecticut. I am here this evening to voice my strong opposition to HOUSE BILL NO. 6442.

I have been licensed in Connecticut for more than thirty years, as an R2 Elevator Journeyperson, and as an R1 Elevator Contractor. I am currently a Contractor Member of the Elevator Installation, Repair and Maintenance Work Examining Board, for the State of Connecticut.

As a Member of the "Elevator Board" I have fully supported the efforts of the State of Connecticut, to promote the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the general public through the current licensing laws and regulations.

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These laws and regulations require that persons who perform "Elevator Work" in Connecticut, must meet certain minimum standards that have been developed over many decades.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6442 would dilute, water down, and compromise the current minimum standards of the elevator trade in Connecticut. As a result, the health, safety, and welfare of the general public would be greatly jeopardized.

If this bill becomes law, "distribution warehouse employees" may be required by their employers to perform work for which they may not be qualified. This would put those employees, and others, at risk of severe personal injury.

Please vote to defeat HOUSE BILL NO. 6442.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my views on this important matter.

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