



**TESTIMONY
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GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE
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The Connecticut Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors (CT-PHCC) supports SB-924, An Act Clarifying Renewal Requirements For Medical Gas And Vacuum Systems Certificates. We support the goal of this legislation, which clarifies additional training and certifications for those performing medical gas work. PHCC believes that it is important for those contractors performing licensed work to be properly trained and maintain competence with the latest industry requirements.

Likewise, PHCC also supports HB-6403, An Act Making Minor And Technical Changes To Department Of Consumer Protection Statutes. Section 17 of this bill is a common-sense change supported by the plumbing and HVAC industries that simply allows for the extension of the timeframe from one year to two years that a contractor or journeyman has to apply for license reinstatement without having to take a licensing exam again. This is a reasonable measure that also creates consistency within the Department of Consumer Protection.

PHCC opposes HB-6442, An Act Exempting Certain Distribution Warehouse Employees From Professional Licensing Requirements. Allowing unlicensed individuals to operate in warehouses in Connecticut hurts industry by exposing workers and consumers to potentially unsafe situations. We support efforts to utilize the expertise of the licensing boards in enforcing occupational licensing laws, but allowing for a blanket exemption from the state's well-established occupational licensing laws is bad precedent and unnecessary.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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