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To: Chairman Doyle, Chairman Baram and Members of the General Law Committee.

My name is Mark Pinard, I represent the men and women of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers here in the State of Connecticut. The Boilermakers are affiliated with the Building Trades and the majority of our work involves the construction and maintenance of power plants. I urge you not to allow the bill enacting a Millwright license to move forward. Raised Bill No. 374, in its current form, will not differentiate between what is Millwright work covered under this license and what has been and is considered Boilermaker work. This proposed bill has the potential to change jurisdictional agreements and resolutions that have been in place for decades between the Boilermaker and Millwright. It will also affect other crafts as well. The International Unions of the Building Trades have agreements that stipulate which craft should be assigned to certain work. In the past our two crafts have worked closely on certain components of a generating plant, following the guidelines set forth using the agreements that are in place. I do not feel that it would benefit anyone to have the legislature change these assignments by virtue of licensing for one craft.

The second issue is the establishment of the Millwright Work Board. The proposed language stipulates that two of the three members of the board from the public shall not belong to any trade union. This is not how the other boards are set up. Why would the board discriminate against a member of the public just because they belong to a trade union, especially if it had no affiliation to any of the other Building Trades. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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