



Connecticut Chapter

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**SB 374 An Act Establishing Millwright Contractor and Journeyman Licenses**

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Good afternoon, my name is Chris Syrek; I am the Vice President of Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut (CT ABC). CT ABC is a statewide trade association of almost 200 members that represents merit shop contractors.

CT ABC would like to voice its opposition for SB 374 – An Act Establishing Millwright Contractor and Journeyman Licenses. This is an unnecessary regulation to place on the backs of contractors, and would be harmful to the construction industry at this time.

At a time when the construction industry is still in the middle of a fragile recovery from the economic downturn, extra licensing requirements for Millwrights would place an extra burden on contractors who performed work on heavy or industrial machinery. This could also slow down productivity on these types of jobs, if the state or contractors were not able to keep up with the new requirements.

This law would likely come with a large administrative cost as well. Oversight would include a Board, approval of a curriculum, costs of formulating a test, and the cost of extra staff to make sure the board and the department were meeting the needs on the contractors. In addition, DCP seems to already be operating at capacity, to add another set of regulations and licenses to oversee would be a burden to the department.

In conclusion, due to the risk of harming the industry and the potentially expensive costs the state would incur we urge the General Law Committee to take no action on this bill at this time.