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General Law
Public Hearing

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Re: SB 412 - *An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Certain Occupational Licensing Statutes*

Sen. Doyle, Rep. Baram, Sen. Witkos, Rep. Carter and members of the General Law Committee,

The Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut (FFC) is a non-profit organization created by labor and management in order to monitor all public works construction projects covered under the Connecticut General Statutes Section 31-53 and the Davis-Bacon Act. We accomplish this by reviewing public documents prepared and/or submitted by the owner and contractor(s). We focus on licensing, proper payment of prevailing wage rates, proper classification of workers and properly administered state apprenticeship standards.

The FFC represents a number of licensable trades and their contractor associations, including the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 91, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 11, and the Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local Union 38 and Local Union 40.

The FFC supports SB 412 "*An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Certain Occupational Licensing Statutes*".

Sec. 2 Section 20-341(b) states:

When any person is found in violation of the provisions of this section, the appropriate examining board and the commissioner, either jointly or separately, shall, within forty-eight hours of such finding, issue a cease work order to the person responsible for the violation and deliver such order to such person. Such order shall require that any person working at a worksite without a required license, permit or certificate cease work and leave the worksite immediately. A copy of the order shall be given to the examining board if issued by the commissioner, and to the commissioner if issued by the examining board. The examining board and the commissioner, either jointly or separately, may request a municipal building official to issue a cease work order in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 29-261 or may notify a municipal building official of the issuance of a cease work order issued by the examining board or the commissioner. Any person issued a cease work order pursuant to this subsection may request a hearing before the commissioner and the appropriate examining board. Such request shall be made in writing to the commissioner not more than ten days after the issuance of such order. Such hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

The proposed bill would provide the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection and the State Examining Boards with greater enforcement capability in order to keep the general public and all workers in the State of Connecticut safe.

The FFC strongly urges this committee to support SB 412. With your help we can send a message that licensing violations will not be tolerated on any worksite in this state.

Sincerely,



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Director