



NEW ENGLAND CABLE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

**The General Law Committee  
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**Proposed Bill 5572: LICENSING OF ALARM AND SECURITY SYSTEM INSTALLERS**

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The New England Cable & Telecommunication Association (NECTA) represents Connecticut's cable & telecommunications companies that compete to provide advanced broadband, voice and video products and services to our state's business and residential consumers.

In recent years several NECTA members in Connecticut have expanded their offerings to provide home security and advanced "intelligent" home applications that have proven extremely popular with consumers. During the recent "Great Recession" one of the only industries in Connecticut to grow high quality jobs and expand capital investment was the cable & telecommunications industry. Many of our new employees were reentering the work force and welcomed the opportunity to receive high quality training in career level jobs.

We understand the legitimate concerns of proponents of expansion of licensing requirements designed to protect the public from unqualified workers employed by unscrupulous companies. As companies regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) NECTA members have a long history of responsiveness to consumers and are deliberate in our hiring practices. All of our employees are closely screened during and after the screening process and must pass background checks, drug tests, and extensive on-going training programs.

We respectfully request that if this legislation is to go forward that our members be afforded the opportunity to work with the proponents and other stake holders to craft a bill that all can support.

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