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General Law Committee:

We are submitting testimony in **support of H.B. 6808, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING STATUTES.**

The Connecticut Energy Marketers Association (CEMA) represents 576 family owned home heating oil, propane, gasoline distributors, HVAC contractors and their associated business in Connecticut.

CEMA support this legislation because it enhances the various licensing boards and the Department of Consumer Protection's ability to protect the public from unlicensed contractors.

H.B. 6808 also helps to ensure a level playing field for licensed contractors who properly train and provide education to their employees so that they can obtain a license in the trade that they intend to work in. All too often unlicensed and uninsured individuals are able to "win a bid" for a job because they are able to undercut the legitimate tradesmen who is in compliance with the law.

CEMA supports the concept of the bill to issue a "Stop Work Order" when someone is willingly or negligently hires a contractor who does not have a license.

CEMA asks that the General Law Committee to **support of H.B. 6808, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING STATUTES.**

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christian A. Herb".

Christian A. Herb  
President