Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO

Before the General Law Committee

February 24th, 2015

Senator Leone, Representative Baram and members of the General Law Committee,

We submit this testimony on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women from every city and town in our great state in support of:

RAISED H.B. No. 6808 An Act Concerning The Enforcement Of Certain Occupational Licensing Statutes

We support this bill as it pertains to augmenting the ability of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection in concert with the various licensing boards with greater enforcement capabilities to level the playing field for those that abide by current laws. This bill is necessary for ensuring that public health and safety measures are upheld to the highest standard by properly trained and licensed craftspeople preforming their work.

We appreciate the committee holding this public hearing and urge passage of this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

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