



Testimony by Chris Syrek, President of
Associated Builders & Contractors

Connecticut Chapter

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**SB 15 An Act Adopting the Requirements of the North Carolina
State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission
and Making Minor Revisions to Boards and Committee Statutes.**

Good afternoon Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila and Members of the Committee, my name is Chris Syrek; I am the 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. I appreciate the opportunity to speak before the committee today on their behalf.

CT ABC understands the importance of the State of Connecticut being able to protect itself from legal action brought against it as a result of decisions by the various boards under the authority of consumer protection. We also believe that the boards who specifically oversee the construction trades do an excellent job of overseeing licensing.

These boards consist of both non-union contractors, union contractors, and members of the public. They are balanced, unbiased, and make decisions with the best interests of the industry in mind. They are also experts in their craft and bring a wealth of understanding of each of the licensed trades they represent. It is important that SB 15 take into consideration their expertise and experience in the trades when determining who will be responsible for making decisions on matters that come before each board.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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