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

To Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila and members of the GAE Committee,

The IBEW has a long history with the Department of Consumer Protection's Electrical Work Board, as we are active members of the industry which the Board helps to regulate, and over the years we have had several licensed IBEW electricians offer their trade specific expertise by participating as volunteer members of the Board. On the whole, we feel the Electrical Work Board, and the other occupational licensing boards within DCP, have been a positive resource to the Department and the state as they offer a wealth of knowledge related to their respective crafts, and ongoing support with regulatory and enforcement proceedings that by virtue of their sheer volume, would be difficult for the Department to undertake with the use of their staff alone.

It is our understanding that this bill is being offered by the Governor's office in response to a recent Supreme Court decision in North Carolina related to findings of antitrust violations by that state's dental board. We agree it is of utmost importance that antitrust laws are abided by and we do not want the Boards nor the State to be at risk of a lawsuit. We understand there are potentially a few different options to address the requirements necessary to ensure compliance with the court decision, and we have been in discussions with the other trades and occupational licensing board members regarding the proposed changes, and hope to be active partners with the state as they look to craft a solution. In our opinion, it is in the best interest of all parties involved to devise a statutory change which maintains the occupational licensing boards' fundamental principles while we work towards the shared goal of complying with the Supreme Court decision. We hope to continue to be a partner with the State as discussions move forward and we thank the Administration for already indicating a willingness to work together.

Sincerely,

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