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## **Testimony of the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 91**

### **Government Administration and Elections Committee Members**

#### **Connecticut General Assembly**

### **S.B. No. 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.**

**February 22, 2016**

Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila and Members of the Government, Administration and Elections Committee:

My name is John DeRosa. I am the Business Manager of the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 91. I am submitting this to state our concerns regarding S.B. No. 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.

As a R2 Elevator Journeyperson, I have been licensed in Connecticut for more than thirty years, and currently serve as the Chairman of the Elevator Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Work Examination Board for the State of Connecticut.

As a member of the "Elevator Board" I have strongly supported the efforts of the State of Connecticut to promote the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the general public through current licensing laws and regulations. Anything that would compromise those protections of the public causes great concern to me and others in our trade and should be of equally great concern to this General Assembly.

I do not believe that our Board has ever been non-compliant with the terms of the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in the North Carolina case as I understand it. Ours is a trade that requires great skill and training. No one would ever want to ride in an elevator or similar form of conveyance knowing that it may have been assembled, installed or maintained by anyone

who did not possess the requisite skills to do so. Bill No. 15 would allow the Commissioner **or Commissioner's designee** to modify or reject a decision that could impact the granting of licensure to less than qualified people which could in turn imperil fellow workers or the public using that conveyance. In this particular instance we recognize that the Commissioner is appointed by the Governor and responsive to this General Assembly, his designees may not be.

We understand and appreciate that this is a decision of the United States Supreme Court and at this time therefore, the law of the land. We would like to work with the Administration and this Committee to structure a solution that obeys the ruling, but does not, in any way, shape or form compromises the safety of workers or the general public of this state.

Thank you

John DeRosa