

Testimony for Public Hearing
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Governor's S.B No: 15 – An Act Adopting the Requirements of North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners vs. Federal Trade Commission and Making Minor Revisions to Boards and Commissions Statutes.

My name is Melissa Sheffy and I am a public member of the State Plumbing and Pipe Works Board of which I've been an active member for years. I'm writing to oppose Governor's Bill S.B. 15 as it is currently drafted.

The Occupational Licensing Boards are made up of trades people and public members that offer expertise in their respective trades. There is currently an avenue in place for those who dispute the board's decision. With all due respect to the Commissioner and his designee, neither are experts in the licensed trades so I don't feel giving them the power to overrule the board is in the consumer's best interest.

I also feel that the situation and board in North Carolina is substantially different than the Occupational Licensing Boards in Connecticut.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Respectfully,

Melissa Sheffy