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**Government Administration and Elections Committee
Connecticut General Assembly**

Subject:

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.

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

My name is Paul Farnsworth.

I am submitting this testimony to state my concern 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 R1 Unlimited Elevator Contractor, I have been licensed in Connecticut for more than thirty years.

I am a past Chairman and I currently serve as a Contractor Member 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 the protection of the public, is of concern to me and others in our trade.

S.B. Bill No. 15 would allow the Commissioner or Commissioner’s designee to modify, or reject any Board decision. This could result in the granting of Occupational Licenses to unqualified applicants, thus resulting in unsafe conditions.

I would like to work with the Administration and this Committee to structure a solution that is consistent with the Supreme Court ruling, but does not, in any way compromise the safety of workers or the general public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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