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As a Maine resident currently working with both the Maine and New Hampshire AG regarding a "contractor" from New Hampshire who scammed us out of over 125K and others in Maine and New Hampshire for much more, I am shocked that the conversation about licensing contractors is even on the table. Licensing contractors would provide Maine people a place to start. It would provide us knowledge ahead of who is trying to do the work for us. As a teacher, I need a license. As a business owner, I need a license. Nail technicians need licenses. Given the financial harm that has happened, and continues to happen throughout our state, what possible reason is there to not have contractors be licensed? Unlicensed contractors get away with huge crimes. It's ridiculous the amount of effort and work victims like myself have to go through for these criminals to have consequence. The loop holes do nothing but hurt the consumers. Please license contractors.