

March 8, 2022

To: The Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

**RE: LD 1168– An Act to License Operators of Personnel Hoists**

Senator Curry, Representative Roberts, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, my name is Stacey Keefer, I am submitting a request in my capacity as the Director for the Maine Marine Trades Association (MMTA). MMTA represents over 120 Maine businesses and an industry comprised of boatyards, boat builders, marinas, boat dealers, marine retailers, and other service providers.

MMTA did not submit testimony regarding LD 1168 during the public hearing because the original draft language did not appear to be applicable or intended for our industry's use of personnel lifts. The original language referenced elevators and trams. The amended version received today has given us some concern.

In the boat repair/service industry mobile scissor lifts and telescoping lifts are often used for boat maintenance projects and are occasionally used in manufacturing of new boats. The lifts save time by eliminating the need to set up scaffolding or ladders around uniquely shaped hulls and the lift platform/baskets include safety railings that help provide fall protection. I do not believe this bill is aimed at this type of use but ask that our industry be added to the exceptions in subsection 18604, part 2. We have noted that you have given an exception for the logging operations and respectfully ask for the boat building and repair industry also be given exception.

Respectfully,  
Stacey Keefer  
Maine Marine Trades Association, Executive Director