



Testimony of Clair Crandall in Opposition to LD 1691

An Act To Require Licensing for Certain Mechanical Trade

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Senator Curry, Representative Roberts, and Distinguished Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement, and Business. My name is **Clair Crandall** I am a resident of **Falmouth, Maine** and I am here today to testify against LD 1691.

Aero Heating & Ventilating Incorporated is a 100% Employee Owned (ESOP) Sheetmetal Ductwork company founded in 1990 by Maine resident Clair Crandall: Current President and ESOP Trustee.

Personal Background:

- Sheetmetal tradesmen from 1982-1995, founder of Aero in 1990 started as a single person company, have hired, and successfully trained 200+ “tin knockers.”

Opposition Statement:

- There is no evidence that points to the need to license tradesmen in MEP beyond current law, simply put LD 1691 is a solution to a problem that does not exist at added cost to the taxpayers of Maine.
- This bill is presented with no fiscal impact or detailed description to governance or enforcement.
- Complicates the entry barrier to hire new entry level employees in a time when tradesmen are difficult to attract.
- Maine should be as a state looking to enhance its existing businesses not create laws that increase burdens on them with no current need.

I would like to thank the Distinguished Members of the Committee for their consideration of my opposition.

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