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Members of the Legislature,

I am strongly opposed to LD 1691 with regards to licensing sheet metal workers. Being a small business in rural Northern Maine we face enough challenges already with finding qualified individuals to work in the mechanical field. With the closure of the sheet metal program at NMCC in Presque Isle, the prospect of finding trained sheet metal mechanics is now next to impossible. Requiring a license to perform sheet metal work only adds to our burden of having to recruit and train an individual with no guarantee they will remain in our workforce. Time and money would be better spent to bolster the Maine Community College System to bring construction trade interest back to the communities of Maine.