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Testimony of John P. Nolan, PE in Opposition to LD 1691
An Act To Require Licensing for Certain Mechanical Trade
Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business
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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 John P. Nolan. I am a resident of Falmouth, ME and Professional Engineer in the State of Maine. I am here to testify against LD 1691.

I am the Owner and President of Titan Mechanical Inc., a Mechanical Engineering and Mechanical Contracting firm located in Portland since its inception in 1999. I employ 47 people within the State of Maine. We design and install Commercial, Institutional and Industrial Plumbing and HVAC systems throughout the State of Maine.

This bill LD 1691 would negatively impact our company if were it put in place. It would make it harder to find employees to do these types of work. It's already difficult enough to find people that want to get into this trade! I don't believe requiring future employees to have a 2-year degree would incentivize future employees.

It would make construction even more costly then it already is. The cost of requiring the number of training hours for different trades per year would get pushed onto the owner that would potentially impact if the project makes sense.

Creating a new State Agency would be costly to the State. It was only 2 years ago Corporate Plumbing licenses were no longer required due to State cost cutting!

Overall, I believe this bill is not in the best interest of Maines Construction Industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John P. Nolan, P.E.

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