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To: The Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business
RE: LD 1691– An Act to Require Licensing for Certain Mechanical Trades
Senator Curry, Representative Roberts, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, my name is JB Turner,
president of Front Street Shipyard in Belfast.

I would like to express my concern over adding more layers of bureaucracy to our industry. It has become extremely difficult to find experienced marine technicians to fill positions as we try to grow. Front Street Shipyard currently follows the standards and certifications required by the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) which lays out standards for much of our industry and does an exceptional job. We do not feel it is necessary to add another layer of certifications to an already outstanding level of certifications.

Respectfully submitted,

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