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Fresh Air Ventilation Systems, LLC Testimony in Support of
LD 1173: An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Home Building Contractors

Dear Senator Curry, Representative Roberts, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement, and Business
I, Kurt Johnson Sr. submit this testimony in support of LD 1173, LD 1173: An Act to
Protect Consumers by Licensing Home Building Contractors

Testimony

I have been a small business owner and contractor for the last 17 years. Working almost exclusively in the residential market and talking with many building contractors and homeowners. Builder licensing is a desired and needed requirement in the residential market.

Currently many associated industries require basic training and requirements to keep knowledge at current industry standards level. Except, for builders and some associated trades.

In addition to the builders themselves, trades like heat pump installers and ventilation system installers need good guidance and certification requirements to protect the consumer from sub standard installations. Currently some trades have these requirements like electricians, plumbing, and heating but others as listed above do not.

The State has mandated building homes to an energy efficiency requirement that makes our buildings potentially less durable if good practices are not understood and applied. The State's well meaning attempts to ensure energy savings is currently having some very negative effects on the people living in these buildings and the buildings themselves.

Licensing will make learning of the new regulations and products and how to apply them in an effective manner to our building practices an essential part of this current process. Without proper training, our tighter homes will have substantial problems showing up in the next 5 to 15 years that will then require us to make adjustments.

Energy efficient buildings are a good thing. Done poorly, they will cause many problems. The main person responsible for the building process currently requires no training. How can Maine allow this to continue and move into effectively forward.

Sincerely,
Kurt Johnson
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