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LD 469: An Act to Ensure Safety Across Maine's Construction Industry (OSHA 10)

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I would like to thank the Sponsors and Co-Sponsors for supporting this Bill.

LD 469 allows the basic requirements recommended in the construction industry to keep Maine workers safe. Requiring workers to complete OSHA 10 will also provide a safer workforce for our local contractors which could ultimately lower their Workers Compensation rates.

OSHA 10 is supported by most successful contractors across the country as the base model to ensure a safe workplace. Many companies require OSHA 30 for foreman and lead people on site to recognize and remove potential hazards as it has been proven when people are working safely their moral and production increase.

OSHA 10 is the minimum requirement in the construction and should be implemented as law to protect Maine workers and contractors to grow safely in the industry. New materials and procedures are created on a daily basis, by sending people on sight who do not know the potential hazards is short sighted by all of us.

I urge you to support LD 469 as many states other have.

Thank you, John Leavitt