

**TESTIMONY OF TIMOTHY OUELLETTE
IN OPPOSITION TO LD 469**

An Act To Ensure Safety across Maine's Construction Industry

Committee On Labor and Housing

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Good morning Senator Rafferty, Representative Sylvester and distinguished members of the Committee on Labor and Housing. My name is Tim Ouellette, I live in Scarborough, and I am one of the owners of CPM Constructors, a bridge and heavy construction company based in Freeport. We employ 150 skilled people across Maine. I also previously served as Board President for AGC Maine, an association representing nearly 200 construction firms and thousands of construction workers across Maine. I am submitting my testimony in opposition to LD 469, An Act To Ensure Safety across Maine's Construction Industry.

This proposed legislation adds a layer of administration for both the state and contractors without providing any additional level of safety already available to workers and the public.

Companies in Maine like ours already invest safety training for all employees, not just craft workers, on a regular basis. This training complies with OSHA regulations and is subject to oversight by OSHA inspectors. Additionally, we send employees to various third-party safety training courses on topics not covered by the 10-hour OSHA curriculum. A state requirement for OSHA training just tries to add a layer of cost and administration where none is required.

I encourage you to vote against this proposed legislation at this time. Thank you for your time.