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Testimony from, Nick Paquet, in favor of LD 648 An Act To Improve the Lives of Maine Workers by Supporting Apprenticeships That Lead to Good-paying Jobs.

Senator Hickman, Representative Sylvester and members of the Labor and Housing Committee, my name is Nick Paquet. I'm a licensed Journeyman in the State of Maine and I testify in favor of LD 648 An Act To Improve the Lives of Maine Workers by Supporting Apprenticeships That Lead to Good-paying Jobs.

I believe apprenticeships utilized properly and what they are intended for are a great resource for the development of the labor industry especially here in Maine.

Apprenticeship programs should lead to a higher level of learning in the trade selected and higher income (typically double the entry level of starting wage).

Apprenticeship programs should also have a industry wide (state) certification and or license (state) that apprentice upon completion of said program can retain regardless of the employer they work for throughout the individuals working career.

For those reasons we ask that you support LD 648