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HB 1372

Chairman Louser and members of the Industry Business and Labor Committee,

I would like to take a moment to express my OPPOSITION to HB1372,

Although I can appreciate what I believe Rep. Toman [Et al.] intended with this bill, I believe there would be some negative consequences in applying this to electrical licensing. I believe that our state electrical board does a great job reviewing such applicants coming from other states (or countries) who apply for electrical licensing. I have been an electrician in this state for over 20 years, and have worked with people from all over the country. These men and women were able to obtain a license to work in North Dakota through reciprocity. The reciprocity agreements that our state maintains with others provides a quick and easy process for obtaining an electrical license. I do not believe that any qualified electrical worker would find it difficult to obtain a license here, unless they have unintentionally sabotaged themselves or are just plain not qualified.

Any change in the legislature that affected reciprocity agreements would be harmful, rather than helpful. As a professional electrician, I would like to respectfully request that committee members issue a do not pass on this bill or exempt the state electrical board from this language.

I am sorry that I will be unable to provide this testimony in person, but please feel free to contact me for any questions.



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