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**From:** Luke Smith <lsmithri@zoho.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:55 PM  
**To:** House Corporations Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of H-7015 as drafted

To The House,

My name is Luke Smith, I am a lifetime Rhode Island resident and a licensed electrician in the state for nearly a decade.

I am writing you today to speak on my support for H-7015.

It is no question that the need for electricians throughout the region is at a high, causing for some, panic. As an experienced electrician, I will tell you that the real panic would begin when un/under qualified workers are given the right to perform and/or inspect the work of a licensed electrician.

From the start of our 8000 work and 576 school hour apprenticeships, NFPA70 is drilled into our heads. We are trained on many aspects of the field, some which can include electrical theory, wiring methods, and techniques to ensure the safety of ourselves and/or others who may in any way come in contact with everyday objects that we use while energized.

The bottom line cannot be argued, untrained workers should not be partaking in our craft and I stand by H-7015.

Sincerely,  
- Luke Smith

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