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Hello,

My name is Thomas Kilday. I am a resident of West Greenwich, RI 02817. I am also a registered apprentice electrician with the state of Rhode Island. I am writing in support of adopting H-7015 as drafted because as an apprentice, this bill will protect my work and my body at my job. This job is how I support myself and my loved ones, and this great state through my tax dollars. Protecting this work ensures that I can remain employed and a productive member of society. Aside from the economic advantages there are also a host of safety concerns if this bill is not passed. This work should be done by the most qualified workers possible, and that would be electricians that have gone through a full apprenticeship. We are qualified to inspect the work, because we know how to do the work, because we have personally done the work. I am a firm believer that if you can not do the job, you can not accurately inspect or critique the job. A short class does not and can not replace years of schooling and on the job training, and the law should reflect that. This is why I am writing to support adopting H-7015 as drafted.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,
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