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Hello,

I am a Journey level electrician writing this message to support bill H-7015 to protect licensed electrical work and to clearly define it. When clearly defined it will make construction sites and cities-in-general safer. It will keep the people who are licensed to do electrical work and know the potential dangers/hazards involved.

Wiring is not a hobby, it is a profession. It takes a minimum of 4 years of in the field work and school to gain the knowledge to even be trusted to be on your own. It is a full time career, and should be treated as such.

Every 3 years there is a new National Electric Code (NEC) book. This book details and improves upon the safety and implementation of electrical equipment in our lives. Every 3 years the book grows larger because there is more to know as the field is always expanding. More information means more safety requirements. The NEC is not even an instructional manual, which further proves there is even more to know on the practical side of things.

Keeping electrical conduit runs to licensed electricians and making sure inspectors are licensed is vitally important to a functioning and safe society. Electrical licensees and clearly defined electrical work keeps my wife, daughter and myself safe. Licensure allows me to have a career I know will be evergreen.

Please support this bill passing as currently drafted: it is a safety issue for everyone. Even low voltage which is sometimes considered "safe" has the potential to cause hazardous interference to important/ life safety communications when done improperly. A licensed journey level or higher electrician would know the scenarios and what materials to use where.

Thank you so much,
Tim Jewett