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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in reference to the possible changes in the law regarding the licensing of Home Inspectors. The present requirements do not seem to be for the benefit of consumers but laws written by Home

Inspectors to severely limit the number of number of licensed inspectors by creating a system which they completely control access to. To obtain an Associates license an applicant needs to take a 75 hour course approved by the Home

Board in order to take an exam issued by the same board. There is remarkably no provision made for life experience, in particular someone who has a Unrestricted Construction Supervisors license with years of experience in the building of

residential construction. Someone with this wealth of knowledge should be able to take the test without taking a 75 hour course or perhaps should have access to simply being able to get a Home Inspectors license. These qualified people

would be an asset to consumers as licensed inspectors . Yet the Home Inspector law seems to have been written to limit these qualified individuals from providing this service. This does not serve the public and actually hinders the consumer public

from getting some of the most experienced people serving them. In reference to the 75 hour course, again this is a system completely controlled by the Home Inspector board designed to limit access . The majority of course offering are given by

Massachusetts Home Inspection Companies. They are not easily found and not readily given . Why is there not a course given at all local Tech schools? I cannot attest to the quality of the courses but would suggest that it be seriously monitored .

The other requirements are equally restrictive 25 hours of fee paid inspections and then another 100 fee paid inspections under the supervision of a licensed inspector. This is an unrealistic burdensome requirement . You have a licensed

inspector Home Inspector willing to do this and they are not required to compensate you . There is no other licensing board that is as restrictive as this with relative to the gravity of the service they provide. Real Estate , CSL License, Home improvement

improvement Contractors license. These are all licenses which are a far greater financial cost to consumers and potential safety concerns with much better accessibility for quality individuals to get licenses. This is a restrictive system meant to limit

access , competition and choice for Massachusetts Consumers. Frankly there should professional and or educational criteria which would allow an individual to apply for and get a Home Inspectors License. Personally I have a Associates Degree in Applied Science in

in Applied Science in Building Construction Technology from Wentworth Institute of Technology, have held an Unrestricted Construction Supervisors License for thirty years , have over twenty years experience working as a general contractor overseeing all aspects of

overseeing all aspects of Residential Construction from excavation to finish including all trades (Electrical, Plumbing, Paint, Carpentry, etc.) yet none of this can be applied towards obtaining a Home Inspectors License.

This licensing process needs to be more accessible , more realistic and written with the benefits of service to the consumer in mind and not the pocket of those who did not have to go through this process ,current Licensed Home Inspectors.

Thank You,

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