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**BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMMITTEE  
PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING HOUSE BILL #1357  
STATE LICENSURE OF PLUMBERS**

**TESTIMONY OF  
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PRESIDENT  
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Please accept my written testimony in support of HB-1357, the State Licensure of Plumbers. I have been in the plumbing business for over 30 years. I am a past president of the Brotherhood of Master Plumbers and my local Bucks County chapter of the Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors Association.

As plumbing professionals, we strive to provide our customers with services performed by highly trained and skilled individuals. We do this by requiring our personnel to go through accredited apprentice and safety training programs, and providing continued training on new developments and practices in the industry. As a reputable business, we carry all the required insurance coverage, provide benefits to our employees; also use and maintain the most up to date tools and equipment available.

Unfortunately, we often find ourselves competing against unlicensed companies and individuals that have no training and little knowledge of the plumbing trade. Often these unlicensed entities have no insurance or training. They operate without permits or inspections for the jobs they perform and have no reason to provide safe, competent, and fair services to those that hire them. They have employees with no training, operate in vehicles with no identification, and often their place of business is just a P O Box.

Not only does this cause financial hardships for the consumers of Pennsylvania that are victimized by these people, and take work from the professional that work within the laws, they also put the health of the public in jeopardy. It is often a forgotten and overlooked fact that as much any other trade or profession, including the medical profession, plumbing is essential to the health and well being of the population. I do not think the state would consider leaving the licensure of doctors up the local municipalities. The State of Pennsylvania requires a state license for beauticians and nail technicians, barbers, funeral directors, and massage therapists. It is long past the time for

