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Chairwoman Harhart
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Members of the Professional Licensure Committee

My name is Patricia Hunt and I am the Office Manager at John Luke Plumbing & Heating LLC, 2720 Stoney Creek Road, Broomall, PA 19008. Please accept my written testimony in support of HB-1357, the State Licensure of Plumbers.

I have been working for John Luke Plumbing & Heating LLC for seven years now. Prior to that, I honestly did not pay much attention to the pipes behind my walls that delivered water to my faucets and took the waste away. As I have learned more, I realized that plumbing is very important and safe plumbing is essential. I know that I do not want unqualified people working on my plumbing and heating and am sure that other consumers feel the same.

I have heard many stories of plumbing that is done incorrectly (from customers and our team alike) and that caused misery and safety issues. I can not understand why my hairdresser has to be licensed by the state of Pennsylvania but my plumber does not. I want my hair cut properly, but if my plumbing and heating is not done properly, we are risking both our safety and health.

The climate for small businesses in Pennsylvania in 2015 is challenging and the amount of paperwork and red tape continues to increase. In order to stay competitive, it would be much better and more cost efficient to have state licensure instead of having to pay licensing fees in the various municipalities in which we work. We would also prefer to bid against other plumbing & heating companies on a level playing field. We currently cannot bid in other states but they can come and bid here.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patti Hunt".

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