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TO: Rep. Maida Townsend, Chair, House Committee on Government Ops.

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SUBJECT: H.827 – Electrician Licensing through Reciprocity

I would like to thank the committee for providing us the opportunity to testify on H.827 and more importantly, we appreciate the opportunity to provide clarification on the process of issuing licenses through reciprocity to prevent confusion and improve consistency.

On March 2, 2018, the language below was provided to us by Committee Member, Rep. James Harrison to provide guidance and clarification to assist us in clarifying the reciprocity process. Upon receipt of this guidance language, I shared this with Cathy Lamberton and the Electrician's Licensing Board.

- **The Electricians' Licensing Board, in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety, indicates a willingness to clarify its regulations on licensing relating to persons with master electrician or journeyman electrician licensure in reciprocal states and previously licensed in this State. If the person let his or her Vermont license lapse for more than a year, the Board may issue a license without examination upon payment of the required fee, if the Board verifies the applicant holds a current license from a state with similar requirements and has met the necessary experience and training requirements under Vermont licensing requirements.**

The Electrician's Licensing Board met on April 3, 2018 and reviewed this language and agreed the existing language needs to be cleaned up. The board agreed to come up with clarification language addressing the committee's concerns for the June 5, 2018 meeting. The Board felt the new language should be put in the rules. There will be clarification language presented and voted on at the June 5, 2018 Board meeting.

The constituent who had an expired (over 2 years) Vermont Journeyman's License has since passed the New Hampshire Electrical Master Exam and was issued a NH Master's License. In-turn, the constituent applied for a Vermont Master's Electrician's License and he was granted a Vermont Master's License.

