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From: "Greg Wallace" <greg@sticksandstonesvt.com>
To: <vitzthum@sover.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 8:21 AM
Subject: Fwd: Licensing of contractors comments
Hi there.

I have to be on site in Rochester tomorrow but please feel free to read this for me and submit it to the clerk for the record.

Thanks.

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Date: November 28, 2017 at 4:52:15 PM EST
To: opr.comment@sec.state.vt.us
Subject: **Licensing of contractors comments**

I would like to express my support for a General Contractor licensing program in VT.

The story below is I am afraid possibly all too common here...

Several years ago we got a call from a customer who had a 10 year old custom home. They had repeatedly seen water appear above several windows on the side of the house that received the most severe weather.

When we went over to investigate we removed the trim from around a window and the problem was immediately evident. The window has been installed incorrectly. It was an error that not even a journeyman carpenter should make.

We temporarily fixed the problem and the customer had no further water intrusion despite several blowing rainstorms before we could return to fix the issue permanently.

The problem resulted in large sections of rotten wall and the closed cell spray foam contained 19% moisture according to my moisture meter.

The work required extensive repairs which basically meant the entire gable wall was rebuilt.

The resulting bill was close to \$50,000 and insurance covered about \$39,000.

The original builder as a solution told the homeowner to caulk around the windows, rather

than fixing what was obviously an installation error to any skilled carpenter. Apparently it was either not obvious to the builder or he didn't care enough to investigate and fix the problem.

I think if we had a licensing program certain builders would possibly be more conscientious for fear of losing their license and such problems might be prevented in the future.

Thanks.

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