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Testimony S.163 Home Contractor Registration- House General, Housing, Military Affairs Committee

Associated General Contractors of Vermont (AGC/VT) is the trade organization for general contractors and construction workers in Vermont. We are Vermont's leading provider of industry specific training, Occupational and Safety Health Administration (OSHA), Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) certifications and are home to nationally recognized instructors. Our members employ 15,000-20,000 in Vermont annually with careers offering incomes and benefits well above Vermont's livable wage. The association works directly with state agencies including the Agency of Transportation, Building and General Services, Agency of Education and Department of Labor to enhance delivery of service to the state.

AGC/VT audits, evaluates and provides certifications and credentials for many programs to construction employers, builders, career technical centers and other VT tech programs. A short list of programs includes working in confined spaces, crane operator certification, electrical code updates, first aid CPR, multiple OSHA and MSHA certifications, traffic control technician, TQP fire code updates, federally recognized heavy equipment operator courses, supervisor and estimator training, NCCER curriculum and more.

Recently AGC/VT held our annual event "Skills Olympics" at Camp Johnson attended by Vermont Tech school students who competed in stick builds/carpentry, electrical work, and plumbing.

The home builder registration section of S.163 has peaked our associations interest. We believe that the registration system is reasonable as written in the version passed out of the Senate. We look forward to working with the Office of Professional Regulation to create and deliver more educational opportunities to build our workforce.

Thank you,

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