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To: Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs

From: S. Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation

Date: May 12, 2021

Re: Home Contractor Registry, H.159

Dear Committee,

After consultation with Matt Cota, Vermont Fuel Association, I recommend the amendment noted in yellow below. I also support the policy amendment that would create an exemption for registration for business that employes licensees.

§ 5502. EXEMPTIONS This chapter does not apply to:

- (1) an employee acting within the scope of his or her employment for a business organization registered under this chapter;
- (2) a professional engineer, licensed architect, or a tradesperson licensed, <u>registered</u>, <u>or certified</u> by the Department of Public Safety acting within the scope of his or her license, <u>registration</u>, <u>or certification</u>;
- 3) a business that employs individuals who are licensed as a professional engineer, architect, or a tradesperson licensed, registered, or certified by the Department of Public Safety;
- (3) delivery or installation of consumer appliances, audio-visual equipment, telephone equipment, or computer network equipment;
- (4) landscaping;
- (5) work on a structure that is not attached to a residential building; or
- (6) work that would otherwise require registration that a person performs in response to an emergency, provided the person applies for registration within a reasonable time after performing the work.

