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Dear Chair LaLonde and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

We are writing on behalf of Green State Builders, a Vermont-based construction and remodeling company located in Essex Junction. We are writing to express our support for H.589, establishing a Statute of Repose for construction professionals in Vermont.

Most states have a statute of repose ranging from 6 to 10 years. Vermont currently has none, which leaves builders exposed to open-ended liability long after a project is completed. For small businesses like ours, this creates significant uncertainty—especially when records no longer exist, insurance policies have changed, or businesses may no longer be operating.

The proposed 6-year statute of repose represents a reasonable and balanced approach. It would bring Vermont in line with other states while still protecting consumers. Importantly, the bill does not alter or extend any warranties offered and continues to exclude claims involving fraud or intentional misconduct. This legislation is about fairness and predictability—not protecting bad actors. Establishing a reasonable endpoint for liability allows construction businesses to plan responsibly, manage insurance costs, and continue serving Vermont communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,
Jacob Cain & Willie Kinley
Co-Owners, Green State Builders

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