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The Honorable Peter Kocot, Chair
The Joint Committee of State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
State House – Room 22
Boston, MA 02133

RE: H68 An Act to reorganize the Department of Public Safety

Dear Chairman Kocot:

I write to you on behalf the Superintendent of the Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District (McCann Technical School) with support for the Governor's reorganization plan which would establish an Office of Public Safety and Inspections within the Division of Professional Licensure, which your committee will be conducting a hearing on in the near future. The reorganization would transfer the regulation of pipefitters, refrigeration technicians, sprinkler fitters, licensing of security system installers, as well as the regulation of open trenches and hoisting to the Office of Public Safety and Inspections within the DPL. The benefit would be creating one place in State Government where the regulation of all licensing would be consolidated.

Super Intendent Brosnan tells me that this reorganization would have a potentially beneficial impact on the students of McCann Technical School, and all students attending vocational schools across the Commonwealth. It would allow for an easier and streamlined process for these students to apply for, obtain, and renew the licenses for the trades they learn while at McCann Technical School or any other vocational school.

For these reasons, the Governor's reorganization plan that would see these licensing services consolidated into one State entity would also assist constituents in obtaining and renewing their professional licenses. My office has been contacted by a major plumbing firm when they experienced delays with obtaining and renewing licenses. Furthermore, my office has also been reached out to by contractors and real estate agents who have experienced the types of delays in the licensing process. I am hopeful that a streamlined process would benefit my constituents. Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Respectfully yours,

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