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Before the House Economic Matters Committee On

HB 895

State Board of Electricians - Limited Energy Contractors and Limited Energy Integrators -
Licensing

Oppose

February 24, 2023

Chairman Wilson and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my **opposition** to **HB 895**. As a licensed electrician with over a decade of experience in the field, I strongly believe this law will compromise electrical safety in our state.

Altering the State Board of Electricians' composition risks losing the expertise of experienced and knowledgeable professionals carefully selected for their field expertise. This will weaken electrical installation standards and jeopardize our citizens' safety.

Allowing limited energy contractors and integrators to be licensed as electricians will lead to the proliferation of unqualified and under-trained individuals working in the electrical field. Proper training and experience are critical to ensuring safe installation and maintenance of electrical systems. Licensing individuals without sufficient expertise and experience puts the public at risk.

For these reasons we ask for an **unfavorable** report out of committee.

Sincerely,

Rico Albacarys

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