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Chair Beyer and members of the committee;

I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to support Senate Bill 25.

In my case, I'm a very small residential contractor only testing backflow assemblies, I am required to take continuing education to maintain my backflow testing certification. Currently these courses are not counted as continuing education to maintain my contractor's license. I see the need for the basic three hour classes offered by the state, but none of the other five hours; offer anything that pertains to what I do. It would make more sense to use the eight hours of continuing education that I'm required to get to maintain my certification. These classes not only cover information pertaining to new requirements and regulations, but also include Lock Out/Tag Out, confined space entry, and general safety practices. The things covered in these classes are way more useful than anything that I've ever taken through the "additional five hour" classes.

Thank You for considering this bill,
Bo Laird