

July 17, 2007

The Hon. Michael W. Morrissey, Chairman
Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
The State House, Rm. 413D
Boston, MA 02133

The Hon. Michael J. Rodrigues, Chairman
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
The State House, Rm. 43
Boston, MA 02133

Re: S. 175, "An Act Requiring Any Individual Who Sells, Installs, Repairs or Renovates Above-Ground or In-Ground Swimming Pools to be Licensed by the Commonwealth"

Dear Chairman Morrissey and Chairman Rodrigues:

Please accept this testimony on behalf of S. 175, "An Act Requiring Any Individual Who Sells, Installs, Repairs or Renovates Above-Ground or In-Ground Swimming Pools to be Licensed by the Commonwealth." I respectfully request that the Committee grant this bill a favorable report.

I believe that this legislation represents a common-sense approach to ensuring the safety and protection of those who enlist the services of an individual or company to install or alter swimming pools on their property. S. 175 would establish licensure requirements similar to those mandated for many other types of contractors, thus protecting both contractors and consumers.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this request. As always, should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

Gale D. Candaras
State Senator