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Sincerely,

Karmen Javens  
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It should be brought to the attention of all persons considering these new rules that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and memory;

- 1) "registered unlicensed individuals" are for the most part non-union apprentices
- 2) The 2017 legislation that granted the Plumbing Board authority to adopt rules for continuing education for registered unlicensed individuals was deep in an omnibus bill offered virtually at the last and final hour of that legislative session
- 3) Most of us regular citizens of Minnesota consider Continuing Education to be education that is required after obtaining a license not before, therefore we did not recognize what effect this legislation may cause until the new rule language was offered publically at a Special Plumbing Board meeting one year later
- 4) The SONAR justifies the proposed rule as follows;

"This requirement will enhance registrants knowledge and understanding of the Plumbing Code and other information relevant to their work"

"It is necessary and reasonable to require a regulated party to obtain some continuing education to maintain their registration to ensure competence in the interest of public health"

Yet the SONAR apparently purposefully omits mentioning the long standing rule that has done just that for decades....registered apprentices and registered unlicensed individuals cannot work alone on any jobsite, a licensed journey-worker or master must be present at all times. This longstanding existing rule is in place to do just what the SONAR represents Minnesota needs....ensure code compliancy (competence in the interest of public health). If code compliancy can be accomplished by 2 hours of continuing education I would then ask; can we drop the rule requiring a licensed individual to be on site with the registered unlicensed individual?

The registered apprentice or registered unlicensed individual will by natural progression of his/her career be ultimately tested as to their knowledge of the Plumbing Code and then after licensure he/shc will be required to meet the demands of existing continuing education rules. If the purpose of this new requirement is what the SONAR states then it is redundant. If the purpose of this new rule is to set a precedence for the Plumbing Boards Authority to not only adopt rules regulating continuing education but to adopt rules mandating pre-licensure training of registered unlicensed individuals, as this author suspects, then the legislation and the new rule is being used to manipulate law. Minnesota statutes and rules should not be the tool of a specific group in order to build a business advantage over another specific party within the same industry, all-the-while claiming interest in public health as its agenda.

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Jim Gander

Craig Curley  
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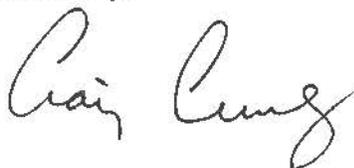
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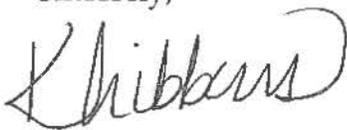
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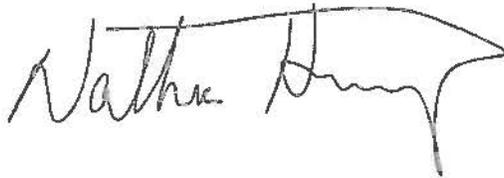
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Nathan Henning  
PM064088

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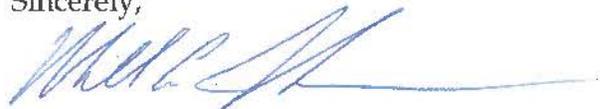
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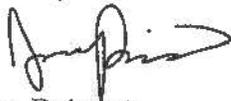
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