



THE SOCIETY
OF ENERGY PROFESSIONALS

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Hon. Jim Watson
Minister of Consumer and Business Services
250 Yonge Street, 35th floor
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Dear Mr. Watson,

Re: Bill 70, *An Act to amend various Acts administered by or affecting the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services*

I am writing to congratulate you, Premier McGuinty, and your government for the introduction of measures which will establish a province-wide licensing system for electrical contractors, master electricians, and electricians, to be administered by the Electrical Safety Authority.

As you said in your remarks introducing the bill, the current system is a patchwork of regulation and non-regulation, and standards which differ from municipality to municipality. It's our understanding that there are thousands of unqualified individuals and contractors who are working in the sector, and that public safety suffers as a result.

While work on this issue has been going on for over four years, including under the previous government, our members working in the area tell us there was a "sea change" with your leadership, which has resulted in your being able to bring forward the legislation relatively soon after you took office.

We look forward to passage of the bill.

Yours sincerely,

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President

cc. Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier
Ms. Lucy Impera, Society Local Vice President, Electrical Safety Authority
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