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The Honorable Representative Samantha Kerkman,
Room 103 West
State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
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Dear Representative Kerkman,

I am writing to you as a representative of the over 500 workers, and the over 4-dozen Insulation Contracting businesses here in Wisconsin, who earn their living by working in the Thermal Insulation Industry.

Additionally, I represent the 2 individual Thermal Insulation workers and their families that live in the 66th Assembly District.

All of us are humbly requesting that when Assembly Bill 102 is presented to the Full Assembly, that you might Vote 'Yes' for the bill.

The bill received bi-partisan support last session, when it was first introduced, and, was co-sponsored by Representative Scott Newcomer; and just last week the bill was voted on in the Full Senate, and passed by a Vote of 25 Yes Votes, and 7 No Votes, a terrific example of bi-partisan cooperation and support for a common sense bill that will protect the health and safety of Wisconsin's citizens. Representative Newcomer continues to support the bill this session, and all of us, contractors and workers appreciate Representative Newcomer's experience, wisdom and vision, related to his years working to prepare the training and credentialing requirement for the Home Inspection Industry.

Several of the benefits of the passage of this bill are as follows, 1. The bill will establish a minimum training standard for the workers that apply and

install Thermal Insulation/Mechanical Insulation (I have enclosed a copy of a job specification for Thermal Insulation from a recent project, which reinforces what Assembly Bill 102 is about, i.e., certified trade-specific training leading to journeyman-level qualifications).

Also, AB 102 has the support of the Thermal Insulation Industry Business and Contractor community, as was evidenced during the hearings in both the Senate and the Assembly Labor Committee Hearings. One Business-Benefit of this bill will be, AB 102 will work to reduce, or, eliminate the nuisance lawsuits related to any real or 'perceived' mold-related problems, sick-building syndrome problems, stemming from shoddy or substandard Thermal Insulation work, whether it be health-related, or other personal or property-related damages, as attorneys and physicians have stated during the Annual Mold Conference, held every October, in Milwaukee, WI, and in professional industry journals. (Please refer to the letter of support for AB 102 from Children's Hospital', Dr. Jordan Fink.)

AB 102 will allow every contractor in our great state to provide services from a Thermal Insulation/Mechanical Insulation workforce that can legally be referred to as: 'The best professional standard of care, in the Thermal Insulation Industry', after this bill is in effect, simply because of the training and credentialing requirement; and, at no cost to the Contractor.

In closing, AB 102, Thermal Insulation training and licensing, makes very good sense, and will be a benefit for the customer of, the Contractor working in, and the workers in the Thermal Insulation Industry.

Please Vote 'Yes' for Assembly Bill 102 when the bill is presented to the Full Assembly.

Thank you very much.



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Business Representative

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. **Installer Qualifications:** Skilled mechanics who have successfully completed an apprenticeship program or another craft training program certified by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.
- B. **Fire-Test-Response Characteristics:** Insulation and related materials shall have fire-test-response characteristics indicated, as determined by testing identical products per ASTM E 84, by a testing and inspecting agency acceptable to authorities having jurisdiction. Factory label insulation and jacket materials and adhesive, mastic, and cement material containers, with appropriate markings of applicable testing and inspecting agency.
 - 1. **Insulation Installed Indoors and Outdoors:** Flame-spread index of 25 or less, and smoke-developed index of 50 or less.

1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. **Packaging:** Insulation material containers shall be marked by manufacturer with appropriate ASTM standard designation, type and grade, and maximum use temperature.

1.7 COORDINATION

- A. Coordinate size and location of supports, hangers, and insulation shields specified in Division 15 Section "Hangers and Supports."
- B. Coordinate clearance requirements with piping Installer for piping insulation application, duct Installer for duct insulation application, and equipment Installer for equipment insulation application. Before preparing piping and ductwork Shop Drawings, establish and maintain clearance requirements for installation of insulation and field-applied jackets and finishes and for space required for maintenance.
- C. Coordinate installation and testing of heat tracing.

1.8 SCHEDULING

- A. Schedule insulation application after pressure testing systems and, where required, after installing and testing heat tracing. Insulation application may begin on segments that have satisfactory test results.
- B. Complete installation and concealment of plastic materials as rapidly as possible in each area of construction.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. In other Part 2 articles where titles below introduce lists, the following requirements apply to product selection:
 - 1. **Products:** Subject to compliance with requirements, provide one of the products specified.
 - 2. **Manufacturers:** Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the manufacturers specified.