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I respectfully submit this written testimony in opposition to HB 2394. Licensure exists for one primary reason: public safety through uniform, state-specific standards. Missouri’s plumbing licensure requirements are designed around Missouri’s building codes, infrastructure conditions, climate considerations, and enforcement practices. Automatically extending reciprocity to out-of-state licenses risks weakening those standards by assuming equivalency where it may not exist. Plumbing failures are not theoretical harms — they result in contaminated water, property damage, mold exposure, and public-health risks. Missouri residents rely on the assurance that licensed plumbers have been tested and vetted under Missouri law, not merely under another state’s regulatory framework that may differ in rigor, scope, or enforcement. HB 2394 shifts the burden of verification away from the licensing authority and onto the public, effectively asking Missourians to trust that all out-of-state licensing regimes meet Missouri’s standards. Without clear, enforceable benchmarks ensuring true equivalency, reciprocity becomes a shortcut rather than a safeguard. Workforce mobility should not come at the expense of consumer protection, safety, or regulatory integrity. If Missouri determines that certain standards should be recognized across state lines, that determination should be made deliberately, transparently, and with explicit statutory safeguards — not through broad reciprocity that risks lowering the bar. For these reasons, I urge the committee to oppose HB 2394.



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