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Re: SF 183 A-1 Amendment: Backflow prevention tester and rebuilder designations modification

Dear Senate Labor and Industry Policy Committee:

The Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association is composed of over 120 plumbing, heating, and air conditioning contractors who live and work throughout Minnesota. We oppose SF 183 A-1 Amendment.

The backflow tester and rebuilder presently required in Minnesota assumes that the attendee is a licensed plumber and has four years of plumbing experience prior to taking the rebuilder training. Thus the training is inappropriate to those without plumbing training. The training contemplated by this bill is not appropriate for use by the irrigation contractors.

It is our understanding that the Minnesota Plumbing Board has serious concerns with this bill. They expressed their concerns at a public meeting of the Board last week. We should listen to the experts the states on the Minnesota Plumbing Board

MMCA support the Plumbing Board and we oppose SF 183 A-1 Amendment (Backflow prevention tester and rebuilder designations modification).

Thank you.

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