

February 20, 2024

To: Chairman Matthew Koch & Vice Chair Tom O'Dell Smith

Subject: Support of House Bill 444

Chairman Koch, Vice Chair Smith, and fellow committee members:

The Associated General Contractors of Kentucky (AGC of Kentucky) serves as the Commonwealth's leading commercial construction association, representing more than 550 general contractors, specialty contractors and industry associates. These firms engage in the construction of buildings, industrial facilities, airports, dams, water/waste treatment facilities, manufacturing centers, multi-family housing projects, municipal utilities and other improvements to real property.

Upon review, and after working with Representative Bratcher on HB 444, we pleased to inform the committee of our support. The provisions outlined in HB 444 maintain the professional standards of electrical work performed in Kentucky. Further, we believe the conversion from years to hours rewards hardworking Kentuckians with the opportunity to become a Master Electrician based upon their time on the field versus the days on a calendar.

I would also like to publicly acknowledge and thank the bill's sponsor, Representative Steve Bratcher, for his willingness to work with our organization in efforts to continually improve the provisions contained in the bill.

Sincerely,

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Richard Vincent Executive Vice President

CC: Licensing and Occupations Committee Members