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To: Policy
Subject: Removal of Dry Plastering License

Importance: High

I have been in the plastering industry for over 58 years and I am horrified at the intention to remove licensing for our trade, if there is no regulation that means anyone can pick up a trowel and start plastering without any training or experience, this would be a disaster and a safety issue, not to mention consumers getting ripped off with bad workmanship.

If you are under the impression that dry plastering is simply a handyman role and does not require complex tasks then that is ridiculous, over my many years in the industry I have seen countless jobs that have been done by a handyman and it is frightening to see not only poor workmanship but it can be life threatening.

For instance a lot of our work is done on ceilings and if not installed correctly over time it has the potential to come down especially a heavy plaster cornice or a large ceiling centre, I have had first hand experience where I have sold a large ceiling centre to a customer and they have come back a few weeks later to purchase another because it hasn't been installed correctly and it had fallen down, fortunately no one was hurt but if anyone especially a child was standing underneath it could have been fatal.

I implore you to please reconsider this proposal for the sake of the general public and for the integrity and stability of our trade.

Kind Regards,

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