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Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo

State Office Building, 17th Floor

44 Hawley St.

Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Assemblywoman Lupardo,

We are New York State licensed home inspectors and members of the New York State Association of Home Inspectors. We appreciate your sponsorship of A6149/S4122, and your assistance in its passage in both the Assembly and Senate. This bill replaces the New York Department of State developed home inspector exam with the National Home Inspector Exam, used by over 30 other states.

The State exam is not well respected in the profession. It does not reflect the knowledge required to perform a quality home inspection, is not regularly updated to meet changing standards, and does not allow for reciprocity with other state home inspector license programs to the detriment of New York State home inspectors. The National Home Inspector Exam will better promote high standards and better prepare new inspectors to meet the challenges of our profession, protecting home buyers who rely on our knowledge and judgement when making what is often the largest purchase of their lives. These consumers expect and deserve the State’s assurance that licensed home inspectors are capable of protecting life and property through competent home inspections.

We urge you to continue your efforts to ensure that this bill becomes signed into law.

Sincerely,