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Hon. Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.
Chair
House Committee on Corporations
State House
Providence, RI 02903

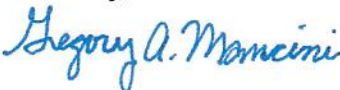
Re: Support for H-7015; An Act Relating to Businesses and Professionals

Dear Chair Soloman,

BuildRI is a domestic non-profit trade association comprised of four (4) contractor associations (the Labor Relations Division of the RI Chapter of the Associated General Contractors, the New England Mechanical Contractors' Ass'n, the RI Mason Contractors' Ass'n, and the RI and Southeast MA Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors' Ass'n), and seventeen (17) Local Trade Unions comprised of approximately 10,000 local tradesmen and women. On behalf of our organization, I write to **SUPPORT** the above referred to legislation for the reasons that follow.

This legislation This bill makes necessary clarifications to existing license law due to the fact that existing electrical licensing laws are often not complied with. This makes for an unfair "playing field" for law abiding contractors as well as significantly compromising public safety. Drafts of this legislation have been thoroughly reviewed by Director of the Department of Labor, The Board of Examiners of Electricians, the Chief Electrical Licensing Investigator and the Chief Electrical Inspector of the State of Rhode Island and all agree the proposed language in this legislation is needed to maintain the integrity of our electrical license laws so that all companies and electricians are abiding by the same rules and standards. Doing so will also maintain public safety. Accordingly, we urge passage of this important bill.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Gregory A. Mancini
Executive Director/General Counsel