



February 12, 2024

Honorable Representative Joseph J. Solomon, Jr. /Chairman
House Corporations Committee

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State House
Providence, RI

RE: Support of H-7015 AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS

Dear Chairman Solomon,

As Council Representative of Sheet Metal Workers Local 17, I represent over 130 Sheet Metal Workers and registered apprentices. I am writing to you today to express my **strong support on H-7015**.

The work of the licensed trades included the complete system. All licensed trades use Journey Level men and women and registered apprentices to assemble and install all components of our systems. That includes all support systems and apparatus for our individual installations. This distribution of materials and lower skilled jobs are the work of the registered apprentice which creates the foundation for their entire career. To suggest a non-licensed person or an apprentice not properly licensed in the proper trade can do this work is simply not correct.

In closing, I have read this bill and to me the current statute was clear without the clarifications however whereas there are people challenging it, clearly it is not. I wish to state my **strong support for H-7015 and urge passage**.

Sincerely,

Patrick Donlan / Council Representative SMART Local 17

cc:

Representative Deborah Fellela