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

**Re: Opposed to H-7082; An Act Relating to Insurance – Nonprofit Dental Service Corporations – The Rhode Fair Share For Dental Care Act**


Dear Chair Solomon,

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 **OPPOSE** the above referred to legislation for the reasons that follow.

BuildRI, and our labor partners, are opposed to this legislation because it could cause an estimated 30-40% increase on our health and safety plans. With many of the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades (RIBCTC) unions already under active collective bargaining agreements, the potential increase to our dental plans will have an adverse effect on our current compensation structure. This potential diversion would lessen the take-home pay of many of the RIBCTC members.

However, BuildRI recognizes supporters concerns also. Therefore, as an alternative, our organization supports the establishment of a study commission with all parties at the table to research the issues raised in this bill and find a reasonable solution that is in the best interests of the citizens of our state.

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