



March 13, 2025

Hon. Joseph Solomon
Chair
House Committee on Corporations
HouseCorporations@rilegislature.gov

Re: HB 5558 – An act relating to business and professions – Contractors’ Registration and Licensing Board

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 representing an approximately 10,000 local tradesmen and women. On behalf of our organization, I write in **SUPPORT** of the above referred to legislation for the reasons that follow.

Over the past few years, the General Assembly has passed legislation in order to create a more level playing field in the construction industry. HB 5558 would ensure there is proper monitoring of who is registering to become a licensed contractor. By requiring a legible copy of a government issued id, a contractor who is debarred, facing penalties from the state, etc will not have the opportunity to stand up a secondary contracting entity.

Essentially, this legislation ensures contractors in good standing, and not unscrupulous contractors are operating in Rhode Island.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony J. Cherry', written over the printed name.

Anthony Cherry
Assistant Executive Director
Build Rhode Island