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Hon. Robert E. Craven
Chairperson, House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island General Assembly
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Re: Support for H 5223 Rhode Island Civil Rights Enforcement Act

Dear Chairperson Craven:

On behalf of the over 10,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) in Rhode Island, I write in **SUPPORT** of **H 5223 - Rhode Island Civil Rights Enforcement Act**. This legislation codifies an individual's ability, through a private right of action, to seek relief and compensation for a violation of rights secured by the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island.

To protect the individual civil rights of all Rhode Islanders, H 5223 is necessary to provide civil remedies and also acts as a deterrent for future violations. There is potential for adverse impacts on individual rights as a consequence of recent Supreme Court decisions and other pending actions at the federal and state level. It is more critical than ever before, that we establish a state mechanism to protect our most cherished state rights and liberties.

Our members and their families are the backbone of the State of Rhode Island. And together, we will always stand on the side of protecting civil rights and liberties. I respectfully ask the committee to **SUPPORT** this legislation to make certain our rights and liberties are more than just ideals. Thank you in advance for your consideration and your attention to so many issues that affect our members.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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