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Arthur J. Corvese
Chair
House Labor Committee
Rhode Island State House of Representatives
Providence, RI 02093

Re: Support for 2024-H7105

January 30, 2024

Dear Chair Corvese,

On behalf of the Architectural Glass and Metal Certification Council, a 501c-3 not for profit glazing industry organization, with a mission to improve the quality of the glazing installation for construction projects and reduce risk for project stakeholders, building owner, and the general public, I am writing to express support for legislation 2024-H7105.

The Architectural Glass and Metal Certification Council operates two glazing industry certification programs accredited under an ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB). The North American Contractor Certification (NACC) Program certifies Glazing Subcontractors through an annual audit process that evaluates Company Business Practices, Safety Management, Quality Management Systems, and Glazing Installation Processes. This provides assurance to project stakeholders that the Glazing Subcontractor adheres to industry established best practices and proven systems. The Architectural Glass and Metal Technician Certification (AGMT) is a personnel certification for Glaziers to verify they have the industry accepted level of knowledge, skills, and abilities to properly install basic glazing systems and set glass.

When the NACC and AGMT programs are utilized in project specifications and building requirements it allows project stakeholders and owners to eliminate subjective criteria (such as number of years in business) with a minimum acceptable standard that is verified by an independent third-party certification body. This allows for General Contractors and Project Owners that are reviewing project bids to select that most responsible bidder for the project.

Glazing and specifically glazing for building envelope, carries many possible issues that increase project risk - from water intrusion to occupant comfort, thermal controls to acoustics, building performance begins with the envelope. Problems at material interfaces, curtainwall complexities, and struggles with installer competency along with a lack of quality system process controls can increase opportunities for failures and defects in glazing projects. Proper planning and selection of qualified bidders for glazing projects can greatly reduce the risk of these issues.

The NACC Certification Program and the AGMT Certification Program publish a list of certified glazing contractors and glaziers that is publicly available on the program websites. This makes verification of the project bidders easily accessible to those reviewing project bids.

The mentioned certification programs are available to all candidates to apply and are evaluated independently and impartially for their qualifications to meet program requirements for certification.

The Architectural Glass and Metal Certification Council supports legislation 2024-H-7105 with the understanding that providing minimum glazing installer certification requirements provides the best possible outcome for glazing projects and minimizes the risks of project defects that could cause significant extra costs and undesirable outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration of this input for legislation 2024-H-7105

Sincerely,

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