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The Honorable Arthur J. Corvese, Chairman  
House Labor Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Corvese:

I write today in support of House bill 7105 introduced by Representative Bennett.

Last session, the General Assembly passed legislation that requires contractors performing glazing work on public projects that meet determined value thresholds to be certified by the North American Contractor Certification (NACC) program. Further, these certified contractors must meet statutory obligations to utilize properly trained and certified Architectural Glass and Metal Technicians (AGMT) to perform this work, in accordance with the staffing ratios established in RIGL 37-2-82.

This bill follows up on last year's legislation by adding an enforcement mechanism to ensure that the requirements established in the statute are upheld. Ensuring that the work performed on public projects is done by certified individuals protects the investment for taxpayers and delivers better results for our state.

The Department anticipates minimal impact to our budget as a result of this legislation. We don't currently have enforcement authority involving this trade, so we would need to consider expanding the responsibilities of an existing inspector. The cost of expanding a current inspector's role would be approximately \$3,500-\$5,000 a year.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Martiesian, Assistant Director, at 462.8139 or [jason.martiesian@dlt.ri.gov](mailto:jason.martiesian@dlt.ri.gov).

Sincerely,

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cc. The Honorable David A. Bennett  
House Labor Committee members