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Hon. Arthur Corvese
c/o HouseLabor@rilegislature.gov
Chairman
House Committee on Labor
State House
Providence, RI 02903

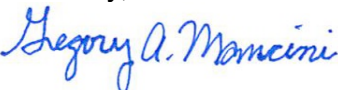
Re: Support for H-7456: An act relating to businesses and professions – Electricians

Dear Chairman Abney:

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 sixteen (16) Local Trade Unions that make up the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council 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.

This legislation will bring our state's apprenticeship laws more aligned with federal regulations, which in turn would allow the state to access more federal apprenticeship funds. As the construction industry looks to replace the tradesmen and women who are retiring, this legislation will ensure properly regulated apprenticeships, along with the appropriate federal funds that correspondence with the apprenticeship. The passage of this legislation will help keep Rhode Island's construction industry thriving.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,


Gregory A. Mancini
Executive Director/General Counsel