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Representative Arthur Corvese, Chairman
House Labor Committee
82 Smith Street
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RE: Support of H-7456 RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – ELECTRICIANS

Dear Chairman Corvese,

As Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 99, I represent 800 men and women who provide their skills through our vast network of signatory contractors in the Electrical Industry in the State of Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts. I also serve as one, if not the only, voice of the men and women who are not yet fortunate enough to be represented by an electrical labor union in the state of Rhode Island.

I am writing to you today in **support of H-7456**.

Apprenticeship is the bedrock of the construction industry and it remains our critical mission to assure all people have the opportunity to serve apprenticeships if they wish. It is equally as critical to assure those same people have structure and protections built into the statute to not only protect the career they have invested in, but also to provide the best craftsmen and craftswomen for the health and safety of the general public.

I have reviewed this bill and I believe the intent to align our State laws with the Federal Regulations has been met. With that, I again express my **support for H-7456**.

Sincerely,

Joe Walsh / Business Manager

cc: Paul Macdonald / IBEW 99 Lobbyist