

April 3, 2024

The Honorable Arthur Corvese, Chair, House Committee on Labor State House Providence, R.I. 02903

Via email to: <u>HouseLabor@rilegislature.gov</u>

RE: HB 7795, Labor and Payments of Debts by Contractors (health care coverage)

Dear Chairman Corvese and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (Blue Cross), I am writing in support of this bill.

It is critically important to the well-being of our State that as many people as possible have access comprehensive health benefits coverage. Blue Cross supports the amendment to the prevailing wage law (RI Gen Laws 37-13-7) which would require contractors and subcontractors subject to the law to purchase healthcare benefits for their employees.

We appreciate your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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