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Hon. Arthur Corvese  
Chairperson  
House Committee on Labor  
[HouseLabor@rilegislature.gov](mailto:HouseLabor@rilegislature.gov)  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**Re: H 5188; An act relating to public property and works – corrosion prevention and mitigation work requirements**

Dear Chair Corvese,

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 seventeen (17) Local Trade Unions comprised of approximately 10,000 local tradesmen and women.

Corrosion prevention and mitigation work is vital component of restoring Rhode Island's aging infrastructure. From ensuring that our parking structures are properly maintained to renovating old mills into needed housing units, corrosion prevention and mitigation work is vital to the health and safety of our citizens. It is because of the work being done, often removing old lead paint, proper training and licensed contractors & workers should be tasked with this work. If the correct protocols are not followed, the risk of spreading toxic dust into the surrounding air is possible.

For the foregoing reasons Build Rhode Island, and our partners, support Representative Bennett's H 5188, as enforcement of the safety provisions in place is needed to ensure contractors who are not complying are held accountable. Enforcement means leveling the playing field for all, while promoting safety in the community. Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Anthony Cherry  
Assistant Executive Director

