



March 3, 2021

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Hon. David Bennett
Chair
House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Opposition to H-5175

Dear Chairman Bennett:

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. On behalf of our organization, I am write to **OPPOSE** of the above referred to legislation for the reasons that follow.

While the intent of this legislation is laudable, permitting and constructing any one energy facility is exceptionally difficult, time consuming, expensive, and in many instances speculative undertaking. Asking any developer to simultaneously permit 2 at the same time will have the unintended consequence of not having any projects permitted. Moreover, what will happen is just what happened with the last attempt to permit an energy facility. Rather build it in our state, a developer will go just across the line in neighboring state and get their project permitted there. So, Rhode Island will once again be stuck with all of the environmental drawbacks of an energy generating facility without any of the economic benefits. Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons we oppose this bill.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory A. Mancini".

Gregory A. Mancini

cc: Committee Members
Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council