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Representative Anastasia Williams
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Matthew Taibi For House Bill No. 5403

Ms. Chairwoman:

On behalf of our nearly 6000 Rhode Island members, Teamsters Local 251 strongly supports H5403. Rhode Island has great laws that encourage family time for workers, namely mandating overtime pay on Sundays and State Holidays, so Employers either close or limit their operations on these days. The overtime pay also incentivizes workers to work when opportunities arise.

Employers have far too often as for exemptions to this law, to the detriment of workers. This legislation would impose strict criteria for the Department of Labor & Training to consider such exemptions, so that only the most virtuous Employers would qualify.

I urge this Committee to strongly consider H5403 to strengthen RI State Holiday and Sunday wage and hour laws.

Sincerely,



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