



# GENERAL TEAMSTERS LOCAL 251

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Representative Anastasia Williams  
House Labor Chairwoman  
via HouseLabor@rilegislature.gov

Matthew Taibi For House Bill No. 5585

Ms. Chairwoman:

On behalf of our nearly 6000 Rhode Island members, Teamsters Local 251 strongly supports H5585. 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 force Employers to ask the General Assembly for these exemptions, and have to explain to lawmakers why they deserve this exemption.

I urge this Committee to strongly consider H5585 to strengthen RI State Holiday and Sunday wage and hour laws.

Sincerely,

Matthew Taibi  
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