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Rhode Island Works Best When We Say **UNION YES.**

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Dear House Member:

On behalf of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, we are writing to support H-5402 sponsored by Representative Vella-Wilkinson. This bill would require a collective bargaining agreement between the parties to remain in effect if the state employee unions are engaged in contract negotiations and/or utilizing the dispute resolution process. This will codify this past practice and ensure that the rights and responsibilities of both parties are respected.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. If you have any questions or need further information, you can reach us at (401) 751-7100 or E-mail at [info@riaflcio.com](mailto:info@riaflcio.com).

Sincerely,

  
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