



January 24, 2024

The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon Jr.

Chairman

House Corporations Committee

RE: H 7015 – “ An Act Relating to Business and Professionals – Electricians

Dear Chairman Solomon and Committee Members:

I'm writing on behalf of my company and all the agents, clients and professional inspectors that serve the public's best interests in their purchase of real property in Rhode Island. Collectively we have been involved in thousands of home inspections and rely on the home inspector's ability to observe and inspect all components of a property prior to purchase. **We strongly oppose** the bill, **H-7051** as drafted.

The goal of all professional services in Rhode Island is to protect the public. All businesses are required to adhere to this mission in good faith. Home inspectors are trained and certified through countless hours of instruction to make recommendations on the overall safety and performance of multiple home components and systems. Most inspectors perform 500-1,000 inspections a year and accurately diagnose physical deficiencies of a property and the systems. They make recommendations to the public to have these deficiencies further evaluated by a licensed professional. This instant review of potential issues on a property allow the client to make rational decisions in a timely manner on whether they wish to pursue the contract of purchase. This can save the public hundreds of thousands of dollars and expedite the details and contingencies of a purchase.

We collectively oppose bill **H-7051** as written, which would prevent the inspection process and egregiously affect the process of the home purchase for the public.

Respectfully yours:

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