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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF 2025 H-5157 SUB A - with suggested amendment**  
**AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ARCHITECTS (LC543/SUB A)**

Dear Chairman Solomon and the esteemed members of the House Corporations Committee:

I am here today representing myself, the Rhode Island Architects & Engineers Emergency Response Task Force 7, and the firm of FILARSKI/ARCHITECTURE+PLANNING+RESEARCH **in SUPPORT of H-5157 SUB A - with a suggested amendment.**

In the SUB A under 30-15-15 (d), "engineering" is added to line 9 of page 2.

I support that addition. Given the addition of the word "engineering" it is suggested for clarity and precision, that the word "architecture" be added as well. The proposed language would then read:

**(d) In the absence of any other benefits as provided by law, any all authorized disaster response workers who shall, in the course of performing their duties as such, practice professional, architecture, mechanical, engineering or other skill during a disaster emergency, shall be considered a state employee and shall be entitled to all rights in like manner as state employees under the provisions of chapters 29 through 38 of title 28 and under § 9-31-8.**

I humbly and respectfully request the passage of H-5157 SUB A.

Sincerely,

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