



Hon. Joseph Solomon
Chairman
House Corporations Committee
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

April 1, 2025

Re: Support for HB 5816; An Act Relating to Public Utilities and Carriers -- Affordable Clean Energy Security Act

Dear Chair Solomon,

BuildRI is a domestic non-profit trade association comprised of four (4) contractor associations (the Labor Relations Division of the RI Chapter of the Associated General Contractors, the New England Mechanical Contractors' Ass'n, the RI Mason Contractors' Ass'n, and the RI and Southeast MA Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors' Ass'n), and seventeen (17) Local Trade Unions comprised of approximately 10,000 local tradesmen and women. On behalf of our organization, I write to **SUPPORT** the above referred to legislation for the reasons that follow.

Rhode Island is in need of establishing its own reliable and independent sources of energy. Rhode Island is not an oil or natural gas rich state. We depend upon importing those goods to warm our homes. This is quite expensive. Rhode Island has a very important renewable energy...wind. Rhode Island, and the rest of southern new England, have some of the strong winds in ocean waters. In order for Rhode Island to be more independent on how we procure our energy supply, we must harness wind.

By approving this critical legislation, you will allow for the continued investment in offshore wind in Rhode Island waters. This will not only help fulfilling our energy needs but will put local men and women of the Rhode Island Building Trades to work. New England, especially Rhode Island, has welcomed offshore wind infrastructure, manufacturing is investing along southern new England to make the supply chain more efficient.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Anthony J. Cherry'.

Anthony J. Cherry
Assistant Executive Director
Build Rhode Island