April 24, 2025

Hon. Joseph Solomon
Chair
House Corporations Committee
HouseCorporations@rilegislature.gov

Re: Oppose for HB 6155; An Act Relating to Insurance – Unfair Claims Settlement Practices 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 representing an approximately 10,000 local tradesmen and women. On behalf of our organization, I write in **opposition** of the above referred to legislation for the reasons that follow.

BuildRI, and our labor partners, are opposed to this legislation because it could cause our health and safety plans to increase. With many of the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades (RIBCTC) unions already under active collective bargaining agreements, the potential increase to our dental plans will have an adverse effect on our current compensation structure. This potential diversion would lessen the take-home pay of many of the RIBCTC members.

Last year the General Assembly took an important step towards establishing a study commission to learn where improvements could be made on the reimbursement rates, payment schedules, and authorization procedures. Until such time the study commission comes back to the General Assembly with an actionable plan, Build Rhode Island and our partners respectfully ask this body not to move forward with any legislation that could adversely affect our members' healthcare plans.

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

Sincerely,

Anthony Cherry
Assistant Executive Director
Build Rhode Island