

May 15, 2025

The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr., Chairman House Corporations Committee State House Providence, RI 02903

Re: H.6315, An Act Relating to Insurance – Investments by Domestic Insurance Companies

Dear Chairman Solomon,

The undersigned members of the Rhode Island Business Coalition are writing to express support for House Bill 6315 which proposes to strike the cap on certain investments for insurance companies.

Current law limits the amount insurance companies may invest in assets that are reported in Schedule BA of the annual statement, including long-term invested assets such as LLCs, partnerships, private equity, hedge funds, and joint ventures. Specifically, this chapter provides that "those investments do not exceed in the aggregate ten percent (10%) of the company's admitted assets."

Removing the investment cap means that Rhode Island will continue to provide a favorable environment for employers and, because other controls are already in place, this change presents no erosion of protections given to policyholders. It also provides an opportunity for Rhode Island to level the playing field with Massachusetts where no such cap exists, and at no cost to the state or taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on this issue. We ask for the Committee's support of H.6315.

Sincerely,

Associated Builders and Contractors - Rhode Island Chapter

East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce

Rhode Island Bankers Association

Rhode Island Business Group on Health

Rhode Island Hospitality Association

The Rhode Island Business Coalition represents 50 industries and 6,280 businesses that employ 231,200 people throughout Rhode Island.

Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Rhode Island Staffing Association
Small Business Economic Summit Regulations Committee
Small Business Economic Summit Tax and Budget Committee

cc. House Corporations Committee members