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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --  
DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Introduced By: Representative Stephen M. Casey

Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: House Corporations

House Corporations Hearing Date: February 11, 2026

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF NEW ENGLAND PROPERTY SERVICES  
GROUP, LLC IN FAVOR OF PASSAGE of H 7515**

Dear Representatives of the House Corporations Committee:

New England Property Services Group, LLC supports passage of H 7515, as it would strengthen the practical enforcement of existing laws governing deceptive trade practices and provide critical consumer protections for Rhode Island homeowners.

- Insurers too often engage in deceptive and unfair acts and practices in the handling, adjustment, and settlement of claims.
- In many cases, insurers rely on adjusters, contractors, and engineers who are not licensed or registered in Rhode Island to investigate and adjust residential property damage claims. As a result, the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, Contractor Registration and Licensing Board, lacks effective regulatory oversight and enforcement authority over these individuals.
- By adding the terms “Claimant,” “Insurer,” and “Insurance Claim Handling Services,” H 7515 would ensure that insurers are held to the same standards as all other businesses that sell goods or services in Rhode Island, thereby affording greater consumer protection to insured and claimants.

Respectfully submitted,

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