



April 29, 2025

Hon. Marvin Abney
Chair
House Committee on Finance
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for H-5790; Joint Resolution Making a \$90,000,000 Appropriation to HHS to Support Physician Reimbursement Rate Increases in Medicaid

Dear Chair Abney,

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 a healthcare crisis. If something is not done to address it and in particular the Medicaid reimbursement rates, the healthcare rates for those self-sustaining private sector funds like those in the RI building trades will dramatically increase to an unsustainable level, and their quality of care will be greatly diminished due to a lack of available doctors. This puts members of the building trades members, and their families, at risk of receiving the quality of care they require and deserve. Allocating an additional \$90 million in state funds, combined with the substantial federal matching funds will allow the state to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates that will not be on the backs of local private sector healthcare funds, help allure more qualified primary care providers into our hospital systems, and ensure that we continue sustain quality healthcare. This will be a benefit the well-being of the members of the building trades, their employers, and all Rhode Island citizens.

Accordingly, Build Rhode Island and our labor and management partners urge the House of Representatives to make the appropriate allocation to ensure all Rhode Islanders have the quality of care we all deserve.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Michael F. Sabitoni'.

Michael F. Sabitoni
Vice Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Gregory A. Mancini'.

Gregory A. Mancini
Executive Director/Gen. Counsel