



May 13, 2025

Hon. Susan R. Donovan
Chair
House Health & Human Services Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Opposed to SB 5634; Am Act Relating to Business Professions – Defending Affordable Prescription Drug Costs Act

Dear Chair Murray,

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 in **concern about** the above referred to legislation for the reasons that follow.

While the goals and objectives of this proposed legislation are laudable, Build Rhode Island, and our partners, are concerned about the potential increases to our healthcare funds due to the expansion of the 340 B program. With many of the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades (RIBCTC) unions already under active collective bargaining agreements, the potential increase to our health and welfare plans would have an adverse effect on our current compensation structure. The lack of guardrails in place to protect our member construction companies from experiencing increases to the healthcare premiums should be carefully considered. Therefore, this topic should be studied further to ensure an equitable solution for all parties involved.

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

Sincerely,

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Michael F. Sabitoni
Vice Chair

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Gregory A. Mancini
Executive Director/Gen. Counsel