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The Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island House of Representatives
State House
Providence, Rhode Island

Re: Support for H 8055 – Assault with Intent to Commit Murder

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I write in strong support of House Bill 8055, introduced by Representative Joseph Solomon, relating to criminal offenses involving assault with intent to commit murder.

This legislation addresses one of the most serious and violent offenses recognized under our criminal laws: an intentional act undertaken with the purpose of taking another human life. When an individual carries out an assault with the specific intent to commit murder, that conduct represents a profound threat not only to the victim, but to the safety and security of our entire community.

H 8055 appropriately recognizes the gravity of this offense by establishing a mandatory sentencing range of not less than ten years and not more than forty years, while eliminating suspension, deferment, and probation for any sentence imposed.

A person who acts with the deliberate intent to kill and carries out a violent assault has demonstrated an extreme disregard for human life. The law should reflect that level of seriousness and ensure meaningful accountability.

This bill also serves an important deterrent purpose. Clear and certain consequences for acts of attempted lethal violence send a strong message that Rhode Island will not tolerate conduct that places innocent lives, law enforcement officers, correctional staff, victims of domestic violence, and members of the public in grave danger.

Most importantly, this legislation stands with victims and survivors. Those who endure these attacks often live with life-altering physical and emotional trauma. Their suffering deserves recognition through a legal framework that imposes penalties proportionate to the severity of the crime.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to give H 8055 favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Ferruccio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "F".

Richard Ferruccio

President, Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers