

The Honorable Arthur Corvese
The Honorable Frank Ciccone
Committee Members

Reference: S-0752 and H-5940

Dear Chairmen,

Taco Comfort Solutions has been a fixture in Rhode Island for over 100 years. In all those years operating and employing over 300 people, I have never seen legislation as noted in these two bills. These bills offer the framework for socialism. In all my years of running Taco, I never would have imagined ever seeing such anti business owner legislation regarding how we sell or run our businesses. It is very clear to me the people promoting this legislation have no idea of what it takes to run, grow and sustain a business for the purpose of protecting jobs and families. People in ownership positions work incredibly hard and take tremendous risks to continue to grow the value of their company to protect our employee's livelihoods and our customers dependence on our quality products, as well as protecting our suppliers.

In most of these companies, the ownership is building their retirement equity or working to pass the business on to second and third generations (in the case of Taco, it is transitioning to the fourth generation with a fifth generation behind it).

If one has never operated a business or started a business and put in these hard hours to watch the business grow, they would not understand how detrimental this legislation is. In the 105 years that Taco has been in existence, we have dedicated ourselves to Rhode Island. Through the success and growth of the company, both the White Family and Taco have diligently tried to be a major supporter of the great State of Rhode Island in the community and the arts.

In the operation of private industry, there is simply no place for government intervention. If this is what you truly believe in, we should have a chat, because the move towards socialism is a very dire mistake.

Sincerely,

John Hazen White, Jr.
Chairman
Taco Comfort Solutions