



April 9, 2025

Hon. Arthur J. Corvese
Chair
House Committee on Labor
HouseLabor@rilegislature.gov

Re: HB 5946 – An act relating to Health and Safety – State Building Code

Dear Chair Corvese,

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 representing an approximately 10,000 local tradesmen and women. On behalf of our organization, I write in **SUPPORT** of the above referred to legislation for the reasons that follow.

Security on a construction site is a common and acceptable practice to ensure the materials, workers, and the structure itself are secure. Often contractors and/or the owners either deploy a trades worker, a site supervisor from the construction team, or hire outside security at each access point to the jobsite. Pad locking and/or chaining a gate is only used to either save money on security or prohibit access in and out of the jobsite. Neither possible example is acceptable.

No reputable contractor would pad lock and/or chain access points closed, as it would endanger the lives of the tradesmen and women. This legislation would rein in the unscrupulous contractors who practice this type of unsafe security.

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

Sincerely,

Anthony Cherry
Assistant Executive Director
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