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Hon. Arthur Corvese
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Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for H-7972 Project Labor Agreements

Dear Chairman Corvese:

I am writing in strong support for HB-7972, which allows for a more streamlined implementation of project labor agreements (PLA) on state-funded projects. As a construction delivery method, PLAs safeguard quality and control costs on public and private construction projects. Contractors compete on a level playing field, based on their management skills, material costs, productivity, and performance record, not on the backs of worker earned wages and benefits.

PLAs provide immense value to owners and users of construction services. Provisions in the agreement include uniform work and schedule conditions to maximize labor related job efficiencies, no labor related delays or work stoppages, and access to highly skilled labor. Further, PLAs have been implemented successfully on public projects throughout Rhode Island, including recently the new RI Air National Guard Headquarters in Quonset, and numerous school districts, making sure our once-in-a-generation investment in public schools is invested wisely.

At a time when we need opportunities for young people to get into a family-supporting career, PLAs promote apprenticeship and workforce development opportunities for Rhode Islanders. Through these agreements, workers can "earn while they learn," gaining valuable skills and career pathways in the construction trades. These programs are essential for building the next generation of skilled workers.

As always, thank you for your time and consideration. On behalf of the over 10,000 skilled members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) in Rhode Island, I strongly support H-7972, and urge passage.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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