



# OSTROW

ELECTRIC COMPANY

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Representative Arthur J. Corvese  
Chairman House Labor Committee  
RI State House  
82 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02903

**RE: Support H-7972 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS – STATE PURCHASES**

Dear Chairman Corvese,

Ostrow Electric Company is and IBEW Signatory Contractor employing the skilled men and women of IBEW Local 99.

Our company is based in Rhode Island and has been operating for 87 years.

**We stand in support of passage of H-7972.**

Project labor agreements have proven themselves to be beneficial to assure important municipal and state projects are performed in the most efficient way possible. Project labor agreements also assure there will be no labor interruptions that could impact the completion or schedule of the project.

In the State of Rhode Island, over 50 feasibility studies have been performed over the past 20 years for public projects. The studies have been performed by several independent law firms chosen by the customer. Every study submitted was returned in favor of using a project labor agreement.

The proven value of using a project labor agreement is beyond dispute at this point. A common objection that is presented by opposition to a project labor agreement is that a feasibility study is costly and delays the project. If this is actually an authentic burden on the municipality or the state, then this bill will remove any cost and any delay for the projects.

The bill still allows the state or municipality to choose if they wish to utilize a project labor agreement, they may do it without any unnecessary additional costs or delays.

In conclusion, I again state my support for **passage of H7972.**

Sincerely,  
  
Matthew Ostrow, President

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