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**Re: HB 7969-Division of Occupational Safety**

JOSEPH S. MANCINELLI  
Canadian Director

Dear Chairman Corvese,

OSCAR DE LA TORRE

I write to express my strong support for H7969, which will help safeguard the health and safety of all individuals covered under Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) federal standards.

SERGIO RASCON

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration plays a critical role in ensuring safe working conditions through training, outreach, education, and inspections; without these safeguards, workers could face increased job-related hazards that threaten their health, safety, and lives. The federal government is currently advancing deregulatory actions affecting OSHA standards, including rolling back safety rules that could weaken or eliminate critical worker protections. In the absence of strong and consistent federal enforcement, workers are left increasingly vulnerable to preventable risks on the job. If OSHA can't effectively deliver on its mission to protect workers, state intervention would guarantee the strongest standards remain intact. This legislation secures not only peace of mind for employees and their families, it ensures their basic rights to safety in the workplace are protected by the state.

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In the event the federal government deregulates OSHA, it is imperative the state assumes responsibility to protect and preserve these essential safety standards. For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support for this legislation to ensure that strong worker protections remain in place and that the health and safety of our workforce are not compromised. On behalf of the 10,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America here in the State of Rhode Island, thank you for your continued support and commitment to protecting our workforce.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the House Committee on Labor  
The Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House

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