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The Honorable Arthur J. Corvese, Chairman  
House Committee on Labor  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**Re: HB 7958 - Fair Employment Practices**

Dear Chairman Corvese,

I write to express my support for H-7958, which will ensure prevailing wages for those workers performing capital improvements on healthcare facilities.

Healthcare facilities are among the most vital pieces of infrastructure in our state, and the work required to build, renovate, and maintain them must meet the highest standards of safety, quality, and dependability. Prevailing wage policies help ensure that this work is performed by a skilled, well-trained, and stable workforce capable of handling the complex and specialized demands of healthcare environments.

Rhode Island's healthcare institutions receive significant public support through programs such as Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements, as well as tax exemptions and publicly funded grants. With this level of public investment, it is reasonable to expect that these projects uphold strong labor standards that promote accountability and deliver the greatest possible return for taxpayers. Prevailing wage requirements also strengthen the local economy by keeping public dollars in the community and supporting local workers and contractors.

Our members are committed to building the states critical infrastructure and have consistently demonstrated their ability to deliver quality work on time and on budget. They take their responsibilities seriously and understand both the complexity of these projects and the communities they are designed to serve. Let's ensure hospital administrators and project stakeholders recognize the importance of this legislation and the need to uphold prevailing wage standards for the people who build and maintain our infrastructure.

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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 support H-7958, and urge passage.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donato A. Bianco, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

DONATO A. BIANCO, JR.  
Vice President and  
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cc: Members of the House Committee on Labor  
The Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House