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Hon. Arthur Corvese
c/o HouseLabor@rilegislature.gov
Chairman
House Committee on Labor
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for HB 7958; An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations—Fair Employment Practices

Dear Chairman Corvese,

On behalf of Rossi Electric Company, LLC, I write in strong support for HB 7958 requiring prevailing wage compliance on construction projects at healthcare facilities.

As contractors who live and work in Rhode Island, we take pride in delivering high-quality projects that serve our communities. Healthcare facilities are among the most complex and critical projects we build, requiring skilled labor, strong safety standards, and reliable project execution. Prevailing wage policies help ensure that these standards are consistently met.

This legislation is essential to maintaining a fair and competitive marketplace. Contractors who invest in workforce training, safety programs, and family-sustaining wages are too often undercut by firms that compete by lowering labor standards. Prevailing wage requirements level the playing field by ensuring that bids are based on experience, productivity, and quality, not a race to the bottom on wages and benefits.

Prevailing wage compliance also supports better project outcomes. Work performed under these standards is typically completed more safely, with higher quality workmanship and fewer delays. For healthcare facilities in particular, timely and reliable project delivery is critical to minimizing disruptions and ensuring that patients can be served without interruption.

Importantly, this policy helps ensure that taxpayer and healthcare dollars are reinvested in Rhode Island's economy. Prevailing wage requirements incentivize the use of local contractors and skilled local workers, strengthening small businesses and sustaining family-supporting jobs across the state.

Moreover, many healthcare construction projects rely on public support through tax exemptions, grants, and reimbursement systems funded in part by taxpayers. It is both appropriate and necessary that these publicly supported projects adhere to strong labor standards that promote accountability, high-quality workmanship, and long-term value for Rhode Island residents.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to support this legislation. Doing so will reinforce the strength of Rhode Island's construction industry, deliver better project outcomes, and help ensure that our healthcare facilities are built to the highest standards for the communities they serve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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