



April 29, 2026

Hon. Stephen M. Casey
Chairperson
House Committee on Municipal Government & Housing
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State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: HB 8467; An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – Lead Hazard Mitigation

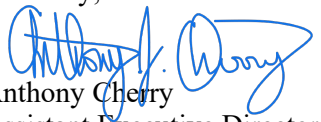
Dear Chair Casey,

BuildRI is a domestic non-profit trade association comprised of four (4) contractor associations (the Labor Relations Division of the RI Chapter of the Associated General Contractors, the New England Mechanical Contractors' Ass'n, the RI Mason Contractors' Ass'n, and the RI and Southeast MA Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors' Ass'n), and seventeen (17) Local Trade Unions comprised of approximately 10,000 local tradesmen and women.

Lead mitigation work is vital component of restoring Rhode Island's aging infrastructure. Renovating old mills is needed in order to produce the number of new housing units. Lead mitigation work on our old mills is vital to the health and safety of our citizens. It is because of the work being done, often removing old lead paint, proper training and licensed contractors & workers should be tasked with this work. If the correct protocols are not followed, the risk of spreading toxic dust into the surrounding air is possible. That is why renovation projects on pre-1978 buildings need to adhere to Chapter 24.6 of title 23 and Chapter 21 of Title 28, as these RIGL ensures properly licensed workers are responsible for performing this work.

For the foregoing reasons Build Rhode Island, and our partners, support Representative Shanley's HB 8467, as enforcement of the safety provisions in place is needed to ensure contractors who are not complying are held accountable. Enforcement means leveling the playing field for all, while promoting safety in the community. Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Anthony Cherry
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Build Rhode Island