



April 6, 2026

Hon. Evan P. Shanley
Chair
c/o HouseStateGovernmentandElections@rilegislature.gov
House Committee on State Government and Elections
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for HB 7674; An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Program

Dear Chair Shanley,

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. On behalf of our organization, I write to **SUPPORT** the above referred to legislation for the reasons that follow.

To meet our current infrastructure needs, Rhode Island must take a creative and forward-looking approach to fulfilling its obligations. Establishing clear public-private partnership (P3) regulations will send a strong signal to the private sector that Rhode Island is open and ready to collaborate. This legislation will help create a favorable investment environment that attracts new development opportunities, while upholding our strong labor standards.

Build Rhode Island, along with our partners, has worked closely with the Rhode Island Department of Administration to ensure that these P3 projects include prevailing wage compliance, encourage the use of project labor agreements where appropriate, and promote labor harmony throughout the operational phase of development.

Despite current budgetary constraints, public-private partnerships provide a viable pathway for Rhode Island to continue making critical investments in our infrastructure.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Cherry
Assistant Executive Director