



April 16, 2026

**Subject: SEIU 1199NE Position in Support of H-7792 – Joint Resolution Rescinding Previous Article V Convention Applications**

Dear Chairman Shanley and Honorable Members of the House State Government & Elections Committee:

On behalf of SEIU 1199NE, representing approximately 7,500 essential workers across Rhode Island — including healthcare, home care, and child care workers — we write in support of H-7792.

For our members, stability in the laws and systems that govern their lives is critical. These are workers who care for others every day — in hospitals, in nursing homes, in people’s homes, and in child care settings — and they rely on a functioning and predictable system to do that work and support their families.

An Article V constitutional convention introduces a level of uncertainty that is deeply concerning. Once convened, there are no clear limits on what could be considered or changed.

There are real risks associated with that kind of open-ended process. Protections that working people rely on — including labor rights, workplace safety standards, and access to healthcare — could be weakened or rolled back. Voting rights protections could also be altered in ways that make it harder for people to participate. And once a convention is called, there is no guarantee it would stay limited to any one issue. It could quickly move beyond its original scope, with major decisions being made without clear rules or accountability.

H-7792 takes a straightforward and responsible step by rescinding any prior applications from Rhode Island calling for such a convention. Some of these applications were adopted many years ago, under very different circumstances. This resolution ensures that those past actions do not continue to carry unintended consequences today.

From the perspective of our members, this matters. The protections that workers and the people they care for rely on should not be subject to an open-ended national process with unclear rules and no defined boundaries.

Rhode Island should not be passively contributing to that kind of uncertainty. H-7792 ensures that we are not.

We urge the Committee to pass H-7792.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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