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RE: S 2647 – *An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Commercial Kitchen Exhaust System Inspection and Cleaning, Licensing and Certification Act*

Dear Chair Britto:

I write on behalf of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) in support of S 2647.

Currently, the OSFM has limited authority to enforce inspection and cleaning requirements pertaining to commercial kitchen exhaust systems. This industry has little to no oversight in the State of Rhode Island, and commercial kitchen exhaust system inspection and cleaning services remain largely unregulated.

This bill would establish oversight and require companies performing inspection and cleaning operations in Rhode Island to be properly licensed and certified in commercial kitchen exhaust system inspection and cleaning.

The passage of this legislation will enhance life safety and building safety throughout the State of Rhode Island.

Respectfully submitted,

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