

October 17, 2017

The Honorable William J. Conley, Jr.
Senate Finance Chair
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903



Dear Chairman Conley:

On behalf of the member companies of The Rhode Island Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America (RIAGC), we write to express our strong support for the proposal by the Pawtucket Red Sox to build a new stadium in Pawtucket in partnership with the owners of the team, the State, and the City of Pawtucket. We urge the General Assembly to support the short- and long-term jobs that will stem from this project, driving critical economic growth in our state.

We are excited by the scope of this proposal which is designed to transform an area of Pawtucket that has long been abandoned and vacant. The construction industry has just rebounded from the protracted recession and we hope that you and your colleagues will sustain this momentum by supporting projects like the stadium proposal. The project, as put forth, seeks to encourage additional development in the area surrounding the stadium, thereby providing new opportunities for job growth and tax revenue generated by these associated commercial enterprises.

By leveraging this public/private partnership, we can ensure a robust and dynamic attraction is constructed, one that will serve as a destination to attract visitors and fans for events and activities beyond baseball. We are encouraged that this collaboration will help to revitalize the host community, boost job growth and tax revenues, and preserve a component of our state's cultural fabric that has positively impacted the quality of life for generations of Rhode Islanders.

Indeed, your support of similar landmark projects, such as South Street Landing and the Wexford Innovation Center, is positioning our state as a forward-thinking, innovative place to do business among investors and developers. We hope you will continue to advance these opportunities for the benefit of all Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

John D. Sinnott
President RIAGC

RIAGC Member Companies

A.F. Lusi Construction, Inc. | Bacon Construction Co., Inc. | Bond Brothers | E. Turgeon Construction Corporation
E.W. Burman, Inc. | Gilbane Building Company | H.V. Collins Co. | Hart Engineering
Maron Construction Co., Inc. | R.P. Iannuccillo & Sons | Shawmut Design & Construction | Suffolk Construction Co., Inc.