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July 14, 2017

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor  
State of Rhode Island  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: H5593 Sub A

Dear Governor Raimondo:

The General Assembly has passed legislation that would automatically extend collective bargaining agreements for municipal employees and teachers after expiration. I believe you have already received letters from many officials in other towns and school district, requesting that you veto this legislation and providing you with specific reasons for that request. Instead of repeating what has already been stated well by them, I respectfully join them in that request. It is my belief that this legislation encroaches on local government authority unnecessarily and inappropriately, and could interfere with our ability to achieve outcomes through collective bargaining that are fair, equitable and sustainable, to the benefit of all who are affected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jan H. Reitsma  
Town Manager