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Trillo Attempts to Further the Attacks on Unions

PROVIDENCE, RI - Representative Joseph Trillo is on the record stating he was inspired by the actions of the Governor of Wisconsin and as a result introduced similar legislation (H-5882) this week, but makes an exception for police, fire and correctional personnel.

Rhode Island Democratic Party Chairman Ed Pacheco issued the following statement in response to the proposed legislation:

Limiting or eliminating the right to collectively bargain will not address the budget issues facing our great state. Rep. Trillo's legislation places the current challenges of the state on the backs of one group of workers. It is these types of actions and villainizing of workers that run contrary to the efforts being made toward the shared sacrifices necessary to ensure a more prosperous future for our state and local communities. It is especially disappointing to suggest that one public servant is more valued than another by omitting certain professions in such legislation.

The right to organize is fundamental to working Americans. We need balance that brings our leaders together to create quality jobs in Rhode Island and solves the problems hurting middle class families across the country.

"It's unfortunate that Rep. Trillo has once again shown more interest in appealing to partisan tactics than he is in helping to offer sensible solutions to help solve the state's fiscal crisis."