

TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

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Burrillville Town Council Resolution In opposition to Senate Bill S-2244 and House Bill H-7198 Municipal Employees' Arbitration

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Burrillville believes in a fair collective bargaining process and balanced interest arbitration process; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Senate Bill S-2244 and House Bill H-7198 will institute an arbitration process to include the right of an unelected arbitrator to "...enter into and execute an effective and **binding** collective bargaining agreement." (**emphasis added**); and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, in a letter of testimony submitted to the House Committee on Labor, dated February 2, 2022 expressed significant and meaningful reasons for cities and towns to object to this legislation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Burrillville respectfully requests that the Leaders of the House and Senate, the entire Burrillville delegation and all of the General Assembly membership reject Senate Bill S-2244 and House Bill H-7198 as repugnant to the best interests of the state and most especially to the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the 39 cities and towns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every Rhode Island municipality and Burrillville's legislators requesting their support in opposition to this legislation, the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Senate President and the Honorable Chairmen of the House and Senate Finance Committees and the Honorable Governor.

Adopted as a resolution this 23rd day of March 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald A. Fox".

Donald A. Fox, President
Burrillville Town Council

