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Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,  
On behalf of the Olneyville Neighborhood Association (ONA), I am writing to express our support for House Bill 5674 which would prohibit a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations. This bill will help stop hate from impacting the housing of our immigrant communities. It will also help the hundreds of mixed status families who are being threatened by their landlords. We have heard from many Rhode Islanders how they receive threats of deportation from their landlords. We urge the Committee to approve this legislation and protect the state's immigrant community from prejudice and bias.

Passing this law would also ensure that all Rhode Island tenants, regardless of their immigration status, have equal access to safe and secure housing. It would prevent landlords from using the threat of deportation as a tool to intimidate or exploit vulnerable tenants. For our community at ONA, this legislation is critical in safeguarding the rights of families who contribute to the local economy and culture, yet are often subjected to discrimination. By removing the ability for landlords to inquire about immigration status, this law will provide a sense of security for many who currently live in dangerous conditions, allowing them to focus on stability and long-term growth within our state.

Best,  
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