

March 17, 2025 Written Testimony for Public Hearing House Judiciary Committee Re: Testimony in support of House Bill 5674

Representative Craven and committee members.

The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island strongly supports H 5674 which prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant, protecting Rhode Island's vibrant immigrant community.

The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island serves to enrich the quality of life for the approximately 20,000 Jews in Rhode Island and our state more broadly. Together, we translate Jewish tradition and values into action. All our work is guided by our core values including *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world, and *Hineni*, standing with others so no one stands alone. These values inform all our work, including our support for this bill, which prevents residency status from impacting the housing of our immigrant communities, and helps the hundreds of mixed status families residing in our state. We urge the committee to approve this legislation and protect the state's immigrant community.

Sincerely,
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