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Dear House Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of the Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice, I am writing to express our support for HB 5674 which would prohibit a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations.

This bill is a critical step in protecting immigrant communities from housing discrimination and harassment. Too often, we hear from tenants who face threats of eviction or even deportation simply because of their perceived immigration status. These abuses create a climate of fear, pushing families into unstable housing situations and deepening inequality.

Housing is a basic human right, and no one should have to live in fear of losing their home due to their immigration status. By passing H 5674, Rhode Island can ensure that all residents—regardless of where they were born—are treated with dignity and respect in their search for safe and stable housing.

We urge the Committee to approve this legislation and take a stand against discrimination in housing.

## Sincerely,

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