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As the Rector of St Martin's Episcopal Church, Providence, I want to express our full 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. Given the rising level of grotesque scapegoating of the immigrant community, we feel this protection is vital in keeping people housed.

The Bible emphasizes an obligation to welcome the stranger - shaping our political and civic response to immigration issues. We urge the Committee to approve this legislation and protect the state's immigrant community from further anti-immigrant prejudice.

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Best wishes

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The point is that, in a world without spiritual or intellectual order, nothing is unbelievable; nothing is predictable, and therefore, nothing comes as a particular surprise. Neil Postman: Informing Ourselves to Death