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On behalf of the Conexion Latina Newport, 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 brothers and sisters. 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.

By allowing landlords access to this information, it empowers them to take advantage of the Immigrant community, and provide substandard housing, and constant threat of eviction. We have seen it hundreds of times, and if landlords continue to be allowed to ask immigration status, the problems of inequity and abuse will continue. This is our chance to change the system and I encourage you to do so.

We urge the Committee to approve this legislation and protect the state's immigrant community from prejudice and bias.

In partnership
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