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Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to ask that you please support House bill 5502, and that you ask Speaker Shekarchi to bring it to the floor for a vote. This bill would change the possible penalty for misdemeanors to 364 days, less than one year, which could save a number of our immigrant residents from the profound hardship of detention and deportation.

As a Jewish person, as the descendant of immigrants, and as a concerned human, I urge you to support this bill. The Jewish people have been immigrants many times throughout our history. It is important, in our tradition, to welcome the stranger. Immigrants, and the energy they bring to this country, need to be welcomed locally and nationally, not exiled.

Thank you, Representative Felix for your advocacy of this bill.

To the legislature: I hope you'll support this bill, and that you'll ask the Speaker to bring it to a vote so that it can pass and make the state safer for our immigrants.

Sincerely,  
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