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To the members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am a resident in Riverside RI with a child in an East Providence public elementary school. I am writing to express my support for H5225, The Protected Spaces Act. Please pass this important bill to protect the rights of Rhode Islanders. We have seen that ICE is willing and enabled to work outside of the rule of law. This act codifies what had been a respected understanding that sacred spaces, schools and medical facilities should be accessible to all, and free from the fear of potential threat, retaliatory actions, harm, detention and deportation. This act makes explicit what is already within our rights—a judicial warrant is required for ICE to act with authority within these spaces. We have seen that non-criminal immigrants of all statuses are being affected by the current administration's illegal and legally questionable actions. Rhode Islanders deserve your yes vote on this act in order to maintain some semblance of protections granted by our Constitution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erinn Roberts