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Dear Chair Craven and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Allison Allen, and I am writing to express my **strong opposition to H5663**, which would require Rhode Island law enforcement agencies to honor all detainer requests from the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

This bill is deeply troubling and dangerous. ICE detainers are **voluntary civil requests**, not judicial warrants, and they do **not require probable cause**. Mandating compliance would mean that Rhode Island could hold individuals in custody **without due process**, potentially for days beyond their scheduled release—simply at the request of a federal agency.

Such policies have already resulted in **wrongful detentions**, including of U.S. citizens, and expose our state and local governments to **costly legal liability**. More importantly, they violate the basic constitutional principles of **due process and equal protection**.

H5663 would also **undermine public safety**. When immigrants fear that any contact with local police could lead to deportation, they are far less likely to report crimes, serve as witnesses, or seek help in emergencies. This makes all Rhode Islanders less safe.

We should not force our local law enforcement to act as an arm of federal immigration enforcement. Doing so erodes trust, strains resources, and sows fear in our communities. Rhode Island must stand for justice, fairness, and constitutional protections—not policies that target and harm vulnerable residents.

I respectfully urge the committee to **reject H5663** and protect the civil rights and safety of all Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,  
Allison Allen  
Bristol, RI

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