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Dear House Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Blair Kasprzak, I am a resident of Rhode Island and I want House Bill H5724 to be passed. I support the passing of Bill H5724 because I believe that as a state, the idea of complicity behind the government in deportation of immigrants goes against our values.

The culture of Rhode Island that I have come to know is one of coexistence, the General Assembly represents the people, and the culture of the people who I have crossed paths with has been one of absolute support for the removal of Immigration and Customs Enforcement from our state. This bill intends to rid Wyatt Detention Center of its cruel treatment of immigrants within our state.

Over the past eight years I have become acutely aware of the treatment of immigrants within our country. I have seen images of children torn away from their families, locked in cages like dogs, starving and with sadness in their eyes. To think that something similar, that perpetuates this behavior is happening so close to me makes me sick to my stomach.

Wyatt Detention Center itself has proven to be a place that cares about money over all else, they squeeze inmates for every penny they have. This is not something that the city of Central Falls should rely on for funding, as a matter of fact, it has failed to pay the city since 2021. Wyatt has taken money from prisoners, taken contracts from the government and has not paid the city, instead becoming a financial burden.

If this treatment continues for people who simply desired a better chance at life within not only our country, but our state, I would be deeply disappointed in that this is what our community has come to. There is no world in which I can justify the treatment that detainees in Wyatt have endured, as such I am asking for the passage of House Bill H5724. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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