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H5724 Support Jennifer Lima

Chair Craven and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today in support of H5724 which would prohibit states or municipalities from contracting to detain individuals for civil immigration violations, and if such contracts exist, they must end by July 1, 2026 and prohibit using public resources to detain those individuals.

Detention centers run by corporations and investors prioritize their profits and keeping beds filled over the humanity and rights of the people it keeps detained. No city should rely on prisons and detention centers as a form of economic development.

States across the country have passed legislation banning private prisons and detention centers. With the passage of this legislation RI can join other states in creating a community free of exploitative and inhumane immigration detention practices.

I urge you to pass this bill out of committee and send it to the floor for a vote.

Thank you, Jennifer Lima 4 Hickory Drive East North Kingstown, RI

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