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Dear members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I write as a longtime Rhode Island resident, taxpayer, and neighbor to urge the passing of House Bill 5724, prohibiting new or renewed agreements that will be used to detain individuals for federal immigration violations.

It is time for our state to stop harboring companies that imprison, neglect and humiliate people, and separate and impoverish families, for profit. I don't want Rhode Island to be a place where such companies can do business; I want to be unwelcoming to those who get rich from suffering.

The new federal administration has indicated its desire to build more and more [camps and prisons](#) for the people--many of them, judging by recent news stories, [legal residents](#) and [those who have committed no crime](#)--whom it intends to criminalize and detain. They want to [spend \\$45 billion to expand immigration detention](#). I don't want those facilities built anywhere and I certainly don't want them in the state that I call home. Please take this opportunity to block them in our state and send a strong message that they are unnecessary anywhere.

Sincerely,
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