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To the House Committee on Judiciary:

I am writing today in SUPPORT of bill HB 5724 to end ICE contracts at the Wyatt Detention Facility and throughout the state.

For years, there have been reports of many types of mistreatment towards people detained at the Wyatt. I am going to share specifically about recent reports of medical neglect.

In the first two weeks of March, AMOR received 12 messages from people detained by ICE at the Wyatt highlighting medical neglect. People reported being denied necessary vaccines and medical care for chronic conditions, and reported that Wyatt staff do not respond to requests for medical care. Witnesses said that three people recently fainted and did not receive medical care.

One person shared, and I quote: “Many of us get sick and they don’t care what happens to us. We report it at the kiosk and they ignore it. There is a person here with very high blood sugar and it took them a while to take care of him. There are many who have [had to wait] two months without changing the bed sheets.” End quote.

People detained at the Wyatt are experiencing unsanitary conditions and medically dangerous situations due neglect by Wyatt staff. No person deserves to go through the suffering and physical harm caused by this mistreatment. And sadly, there have been many similar reports in the past—there is an ongoing pattern of medical neglect at the Wyatt.

This bill, HB 5724, is an opportunity to take a step towards preventing this mistreatment by ensuring that ICE can no longer detain immigrants at the Wyatt or anywhere in our state. I urge you to do all you can to support the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

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