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Chairman and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

In 1999 in a very different America and at the behest of the Rhode Island Historical Society, I wrote a book called The Wealth of Nations, A Peoples' History of RI. And in the preface, I wrote the following:

The wealth of any nation for state resides in its people. And a peoples' history differs from the usual by shining the light on those whose labour created the financial wealth of the .... Names that appear in conventional histories....because the working people of RI have one from almost every country of the world, we can say that RI is made up of the wealth of nations and this is their story. And I profiled almost all of them because it was for a Museum of ALL the people. ( Which, unfortunately never saw light, but the intention was their to honor their contribution to our state).

I have appeared before you many times in the past, but am writing to you today from a very different America. An America in which reviles the very people it is made up of, and an atmosphere where I fear giving my current address, lest the staff of my Assisted Living Facility, for whom I am writing in support, be targeted by our ruthless, heartless and illegal government and the place be shut down for lack of staff. SHAME!

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I came here in January because of a virus which led to my having a number of strokes, and cannot live alone.

Our home is most successfully staffed CNAs women & men who are immigrants to this country not because of the working conditions, which are some of the best around, but because culturally they value older people in ways that are antithetical to our American culture which venerates youth rather than age and physical perfection rather than wisdom. (There are many fewer young, compassionate multi generational Americans on the staff, because they are a really rare breed). My fellow residents and I are filled with gratitude each day for the wonderful and loving care that the staff here provides as we cannot live without their help.

All of these staff members are legally in this country. However, we have seen how much this government and their vicious attack police honor legality and I for one, fear for their lives and that

of their families and communities. Not one has yet allowed their personal fear to interfere with their caregiving, however, how long can the pressure build without consequences? And with the history of incarceration at the Wyatt Center, we know first hand what this can look like.

I am writing to implore you to protect not only these good and loving women and men, but their families and allow them to continue to contributing to make their lives and ours safe by passing HB5724 and mandating that our cities and towns have no more legal affiliation with ICE and the vicious xenophobia it represents.

Thank you!

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