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Dear Members of the House Judiciary committee:

My name is Nadia Gonzales, I belong to the organization AMOR and I am in favor of bill HB-5724 supported by Senator Acosta, which would prohibit municipalities from signing contracts with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

These past few weeks we have seen many families being unjustly and violently separated, leaving psychological scars on the children in the home. We need our community to live free, without fear of persecution and with the security that every human being deserves.

I must mention discrimination, these actions are taken as a form of hatred towards the immigrant. No one should live feeling the contempt and fear of not belonging to a community.

Lack of access to communication, detainees are limited to communicate with their families or lawyers, which limits their ability to defend themselves by having to pay expensive and short calls through kiosks.

However, the city of Central Falls has already seen that this facility is more of a financial burden than a benefit. Instead of investing in detention, Rhode Island should focus on programs that actually improve our communities.

I am in favor of this bill HB-5724 for the above reasons that have a negative impact on our community as a result of collaboration with ICE in Rhode Island.

Thank you for your time.