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I strongly encourage you to pass this bill. HB-5724 is an opportunity to tell ICE, "Rhode Island decides what happens in Rhode Island." ICE and our current federal leadership have a proven enthusiasm for doing whatever they want, and the *only* effective guardrails against their whims have been clear legal boundaries. This bill would be one of those boundaries. According to the National Immigrant Justice Center, people in ICE detention centers experience inhumane conditions and rights abuses that include medical neglect, preventable deaths, punitive use of solitary confinement. Let us take a stand and say this will not happen in Rhode Island.

Thank you, Rebecca Atwood

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