

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to urge all of our state lawmakers to support House Bill 7077. When the federal government engages in violent and unconstitutional tactics against foreign-born Rhode Islanders, it traumatizes the entire community to which these individuals belong. When ICE showed up in the town of Warren on Veteran's Day, our community was harmed in the following ways:

- One of our community members was forcibly removed from his car and taken away by a team in unmarked vehicles.
- The business that employed this individual, one of our most important local businesses here in town, had to support their staff in processing what happened, cope with the effect on productivity, and figure out how to deal with being in the spotlight on this issue, all of which is a strain on time and resources.
- Additional businesses in downtown Warren, which make up an essential part of the Warren local economy, were also affected by the incident and its aftermath.
- Our local police force apparently were not consulted or involved in this operation, and were therefore unprepared to handle conflict, confusion, or crisis that could have happened as a result of it.
- Our Veteran's Day celebration was completely disrupted, tainted, and overshadowed by these events, doing the ultimate disservice to those who have served for our country.

I implore you to protect the constitutional rights of **all** Rhode Islanders, and to remember that if ICE shows up to take someone's Mom or Dad away, the entire community is traumatized.

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