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Dear Chairperson and Members of the RI House Judiciary Committee: On behalf of myself and the Sanctuary Working Group of the 1st Unitarian Church of Providence, I want to express my support for H7198, the 364 Day bill and urge you to move it out of your committee for a vote on the full House floor. As you know, under the current sentencing system, a person convicted of a misdemeanor, e.g., shoplifting, who is sentenced to  $\geq 365$  days, may then fall under the Federal penal code that could result in an expedited deportation from the U.S. I hope this strikes you as unreasonable as it does me. For example, an immigrant, following the path to asylum regulations and showing up for scheduled court hearings as part of this process, receives a sentence of  $\geq 365$  days for a misdemeanor and winds up being deported from the U.S. after years of living here, working, paying taxes, and contributing to their community. As a primary care physician who works in a clinic caring for our immigrant neighbors, I see patients on a regular basis who could be adversely affected by the current sentencing system. I hope you will make this the year that the 364 bill finally makes it out of committee for a vote onto the House floor. Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration.  
Sincerely, Chris Campanile MD, Cranston, RI 401-222-9702