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Dear Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee

I am writing in support of H 7198 –“ An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses – General Provisions” because I believe our immigrant community should be afforded the same protections as the rest of us. According to the ACLU, "most people who are charged with a misdemeanor do not actually get sentenced to, or serve, one year in prison. However, despite the actual sentence a person receives, because these crimes carry a potential prison sentence of up to one year, members of the immigrant community may be subject to detention and deportation under a federal law that addresses various crimes that have a potential sentence of one year or more. This means that a one-day difference in sentencing can be the deciding factor in whether a long-time Rhode Islander is able to stay with their family and community, or face the challenges of deportation." Therefore I urge you support H 7198.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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