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**To:** Representative Carol Hagan McEntee, Chair and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

**From:** Roberta Hazen Aaronson, Cranston Forward member and co-chair of the Immigrant Justice Committee

As a member of **Cranston Forward**, a city-wide organization that works to advance policies and supports leaders responsive to the needs of its residents and as co-chair of Cranston Forward's **Immigrant Justice Committee**, it is with great enthusiasm that I urge you to support the **364 Bill - H7198**.

This bill will amend RI law to reduce the maximum prison sentence for misdemeanor offenses by **one day**, from **365 to 364 days**. This bill addresses a **mismatch** in the way Rhode Island law overlaps with federal immigration law. Under immigration law, certain minor convictions that are punishable by **a year or more** can lead to automatic detention and deportation for thousands of immigrants. This minor amendment of reducing the maximum misdemeanor by only one day would protect hundreds of Rhode Islanders from unnecessary, harsh immigration consequences.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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