

Dear Chairperson McEntee and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rebecca E. Dupras. I am an attorney and the owner of Dupras Law located at 395 Smith Street, Providence, RI and I also live in Providence. I am also a member of the Lawyers' Committee for Rhode Island.

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 7202, the Rhode Island Federal Constitution Defense Act.

Since January 2025, we have witnessed the federal government violate the constitutional rights of U.S. citizens, members of the military, members of the clergy and countless other individuals in unimaginable ways. As a Rhode Islander and a business owner, I believe that this bill will ensure that anyone in our state who is harmed by federal officials will have the ability to file a lawsuit in our state courts for damages. The ability to bring this type of action will afford additional protections to members of our community through legal means. Legislation like this shouldn't be necessary, but since it is, I urge the committee to vote in favor. Thank you in advance for standing up for justice.



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