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House Judiciary Committee  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**Testimony in Support of HB-7202**

My name is Sophia de los Reyes. I am in favor of Representative Potter's bill HB-7202 that would allow individuals to bring civil suits against federal law enforcement for violations of the Constitution.

I am particularly interested in this bill because I am an advocate for immigrants in detention and the routine negligence and abuse from ICE operations at the Wyatt Detention Center is an urgent, ongoing issue that needs addressing. The ability to bring a lawsuit like this against federal law enforcement could bring actual care to those still in detention.

On the streets, they are no different. I am appalled and disgusted by the verbal and physical abuse and threats that ICE perpetrates *on* camera, so we can't imagine what they are doing off camera or behind the walls of detention centers. Does it make you feel safe, when these officers are acting with impunity? The violence that we've seen coming from of ICE officers across the country needs to be met with real accountability, which this bill would bring.

I urge you to consider these points in favor of Representative Potter's bill HB-7202 that would allow individuals to bring civil suits against federal law enforcement for violations of the Constitution.

Sincerely,

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