

Angel's Testimony in Support of House Bill 7211

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To the House Judiciary Committee Chair and Members,

My name is Angel Lopez, and I am a resident of Providence. I write to you today in support of House Bill 7211 but with suggestions to strengthen the legislation. I am in full support of ensuring that law enforcement officers are easily identifiable when on duty. I can compare the behavior of an unidentifiable Law Enforcement Officer as unreliable, untrustworthy, and a hazard to the public who may cause long term harm to individuals.

I request improvements to subsections (2) and (3) of section 42-169-3. These subsections must be strengthened to ensure that charges and penalties against ICE are sustained in RI Courts. The narrative from the highest office of this country continue to say Immigrants especially those who feel threatened by ICE or are currently held in detention by ICE are criminals and terrorists. The latest news out of Chicago and Minneapolis are saying that ICE agents are now posing undercover as Amazon workers. Thus today, regular business activities by ICE can be described as anti-terrorists and undercover which would make this bill obsolete. I ask the sponsors of this bill to correct the language so that the "does not apply" clauses included in this bill may not be exploited by ICE agents, affiliates, or officers.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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