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Dear Chairperson and Members of the RI House Judiciary Committee, On behalf of myself and the Sanctuary Working Group of the 1st Unitarian Church of Providence which I co-coordinate, I want to express my support for House bill 7211, the RI Community Protection Act. If passed, this would bar law enforcement officers, including ICE, from wearing masks or disguises when interacting with the public, except as protection from smoke, diseases or other hazards. It would also require a visible ID and impose criminal penalties for violations. The widespread use of masks in daily, non-tactical immigration operations by ICE is considered unique among U.S. law enforcement. Along with the lack of visible name identification, this leads to a serious lack of accountability. ICE is already famous for utilizing unconstitutional tactics with impunity, including excessive use of violence, violating people's first amendment rights, conducting search and seizure without a warrant, detaining, arresting and deporting persons without due process and even killing innocent protesters without any investigation of the perpetrating ICE agents . This is truly a rogue outfit which is terrorizing communities across our country. Passing this bill will represent an attempt at mitigating the egregious behavior of ICE, at least in the state of Rhode Island. Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration. Chris Campanile MD, Cranston, RI 401-222-9702