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Dear honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 7360. My grandparents, like so many of us, came to this country as immigrants, contributed to society, and made full lives for themselves and our family. This ability should be extended to our immigrant neighbors here in the 21st century.

As the ACLU says, this legislation "would generally bar the civil arrest of individuals while they are in a courthouse to attend a court proceeding. The administration of justice depends on all people having free and full access to the courts. The state cannot deliver the promise of equal access to justice and due process under law if a segment of the community is afraid to appear in court."

It is despicable that those who are following the rules by showing up for court dates have been arrested. The state of Rhode Island must follow due process, even though our current federal government is not.

I urge you to vote in favor of House Bill 7360.

Sincerely,

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