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Dear honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 7360. I am blessed to be a second generation granddaughter of immigrants who, while not exactly welcomed with open arms, were able to come to this country and make lives for themselves and their fortunate descendants. I believe 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." While the federal government is not following due process, the state of Rhode Island must!

Please vote in favor.

Sincerely,
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We supported this legislation as an important antidote to address the growing tide of immigration enforcement taking place at or near courthouses in Rhode Island.

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