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Good Morning, I am a Rhode Island resident, renter, and social worker. I am also a graduate student at Rhode Island College

I am reaching out today in support of House Bill- 7436, which would prohibit state and municipal officials or body from entering into and renewing any agreements that will be used to detain individuals for federal civil immigration violations. It would also prohibit state and local leaders from leasing their public real estate for use as an immigration detention facility. No city should rely on prisons and detention centers as a form of economic development nor punishment for immigrants by ICE activity. The Wyatt is a financial burden to the City of Central Falls (It doesn't pay property taxes, of which CF depends on to fund city services. A business on that land would bring in more revenue for the city than the Wyatt. Impact fees are no longer paid. Also, The Wyatt has a gross history of medical neglect & unsanitary conditions (Water causing nausea/diarrhea in some detainees. In 2025, medications were not provided to folks with brain cancer and sickle cell. Passing this bill not only provides safety and opportunity for Rhode Islanders, but also promotes social justice, equity, and equality throughout our community! This significantly aligns with my personal as well as professional values and should be a top priority for Rhode Island legislation and policy.

I appreciate your consideration and I hope to have your support as well in advocating for the rights of the community by supporting this bill (HB-7436).

Take care and enjoy the rest of your day!

Thank you!

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