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Hello,

My name is Chandler Baillargeon. I am in favor of Bills SB - 2278 and HB - 7436 that would end the use of state and local resources for immigration detention, and in support of Bill H 7198 that would change the maximum sentence for a misdemeanor offense to 364 days.

There are many reasons to end the IGSA with Ice that uses the Wyatt Detention Center, but I will keep this brief.

Ending contract with ICE will keep Rhode Island's community safer. There are a plethora of documented instances of death, medical neglect, abuse, and illegal detentions by ICE across the country, and an unknown number of instances that are not documented. All throughout the country ICE is making it known that their organization does not care for due process, it does not care for keeping non-immigrant citizens safer, it does not care for any non white citizens and immigrants dignity or safety.

Please, please, keep the safety of every Rhode Island citizen in your top priorities. We have nothing but community. When we disregard the heart of our community- those who choose to be here, that fight for their ability to be a part of our community- we actively dismantle ourselves as a state.