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Dear Chair McEntee and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in to support H7436, which would ban state and municipal contracts with federal immigration authorities for detention activities.

The US Constitution guarantees rights to all persons. These rights are not limited to citizens. Under the Trump Administration, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is routinely violating the rights of immigrants, including law-abiding, legal immigrants. This includes arbitrary and extended detention in inhumane conditions.

Federal courts have routinely ordered ICE to release individual immigrants, but this rogue federal agency continues to defy the courts.

It is beyond shameful that Rhode Island is a party to this by allowing ICE to systematically violate the rights of immigrants at the Wyatt Detention Facility. This maximum security prison is designed for serious criminals, not immigrants whose only crime is seeking a better life for themselves and their families.

We cannot trust the federal government to safeguard the rights of immigrants, and as such the State of Rhode Island must no longer be party to their abuses. We may well be the birthplace of the First Amendment, and it is time that we retake our position as a national leader for human rights. I call on you to support H7436 and to end the ICE contract with the Wyatt and any other detention facility where the State or any Rhode Island municipality has a role.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Best,  
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