

House Committee on Judiciary  
State of Rhode Island General Assembly

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Testimony in support of House Bill **7436**

Dear Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I'm writing in support of House Bill 7436.

Were there no history here, this bill would probably be entirely uncontroversial, particularly given the actions of ICE and the administration in Washington over the last year. But there is history - in particular, the ongoing contract between Central Falls and the Central Falls Detention Center Facility Corporation (Wyatt Detention Facility).

It is important to note that that agreement is not benefiting the city of Central Falls, as the Corporation pays no taxes and has stopped paying any impact fees. The main effect of continuing the contract seems to be to partially insure the Corporation against the business risk of having made its investment. Neither the state of Rhode Island nor the city of Central Falls is responsible for insuring people's business risk.

That having been said, canceling the contract may be illegal. In that case, please consider amending the bill to ban renewal after the current contract ends.

**Please support House Bill 7436.**

Sincerely,

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