

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 as a U.S. born daughter of an immigrant. I'm so glad that my father, whose family came here to escape Hitler, did not live to see his country locking up other immigrants for simple, civil immigration infractions. We may not be able to change this practice, but we certainly do not need to take part.

The revenue lost by any Rhode Island municipalities because of this bill would be minimal, and certainly would not constitute a hardship for anyone, while, of course, these detentions definitely constitute hardships for the detained immigrants and their families.

This bill represents a simple, small step towards freeing our state and local governments from the entanglement currently being created by the Federal Government. It's a small, but significant step in the right direction.

Please support House Bill 7436.

Thank you,

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