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Support for H-7436, S-2278

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Madelyn Kaplan, and I am a constituent living in Cranston under the 02920 zip code. I'm writing in support of Senator Acosta's bills H-7436 and S-2278, which would prohibit municipalities from entering contracts with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This bill would prohibit municipal and state resources from being used to assist ICE and would require the Wyatt Detention Center to terminate its current contract with ICE. I am very concerned about the mistreatment and harm that many individuals have faced while at Wyatt. The use of detention and incarceration to criminalize migration is inhumane and does not make our communities safer. The ICE contracts at the Wyatt have caused real harm to individuals, families, and immigrant communities in Central Falls and throughout Rhode Island. Our cities should not depend on detention facilities for economic survival, nor should immigrants be punished through ICE enforcement. I urge you to consider bills H-7436 and S-2278 that would prohibit contracts with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and with private, for-profit prison facilities. The inhumane conditions at Wyatt and the illegal, murderous actions taken by ICE are completely unacceptable from a moral standpoint. We must do what we can in Rhode Island to reign in ICE and stand up for human rights in our communities.

Respectfully,



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