

Support for H-7436, S-2278

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Merrill Schmidt, and I live in Cranston. I'm writing in support of Senator Acosta's bill H-7436, 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 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.

Thank you for your consideration,
Merrill Schmidt