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Roberta DiMezza, Committee Clerk
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Dear Ms. DiMezza,

No city should rely on prisons and detention centers as a form of economic development nor punishment for immigrants by ICE activity

The Wyatt is a financial burden to the City of Central Falls (It doesn't pay property taxes, of which CF depends on to fund city services. A business on that land would bring in more revenue for the city than the Wyatt. Impact fees are no longer paid).

The Wyatt has a gross history of medical neglect & unsanitary conditions, for example, water causing nausea/diarrhea in some detainees. In 2025, medications were not provided to folks with brain cancer and sickle cell.

The Wyatt fails to provide access to communication with the outside world. Each text message costs \$0.25 and each bottle of water costs \$2.00 The Wyatt leeches off of our immigrant families' limited funds. Additionally, there have been numerous reports of racist and anti-immigrant ridicule by prison administrators as well as threats of punitive reprisal for communicating grievances.

ICE detention conflicts with the values of the community with a massive immigrant population.

I support **House Bill No. 7436 BY** Representatives Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Felix, Batista, Kazarian, Stewart, Potter, Cruz, Sanchez

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DETENTION FOR FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION

VIOLATIONS - Prohibits state or municipality from contracts to detain individuals for civil immigration violations, and if such contract exists, it must end by July 1, 2026 and prohibits using public resources to detain those individuals.

Sincerely,

Selina Torres