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To the members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Trevor Culhane, I am a Providence resident writing to support House Bill 7436 that would end the use of state and local resources for immigrant detention.

Right now, there has never been more outrage against ICE and against the incredible cruelty with which ICE and DHS more broadly treats immigrants. There are agents of the federal government breaking apart families, smashing car windows, breaking into homes, and murdering people in the street, and yet our own state is continuing to cooperate with ICE and participate in the inhumane treatment of people in detention centers.

The Wyatt in particular has a long history of abuses, the most egregious of which is the death of Jason Lui Hui Ng in 2008. Jason's story is similar to that of many of the people being held at the Wyatt today - he was detained at an adjustment-of-status appointment. The ongoing medical neglect at the Wyatt, experienced by many people held there, is reflected in Jason's experience - he was refused medical care and accused of faking his condition.

Other states have passed similar legislation to ban the use of state and local resources for immigrant detention - it is long past time for Rhode Island to do the same.

Please support House Bill 7436 and end the use of state and local resources for immigrant detention.

Sincerely,  
Trevor Culhane