

I, along with the Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice, support Senator Acosta's bill H-7436, S-2278 that would prohibit municipalities from entering contracts with the U.S. immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), legislation that would prohibit municipal and state resources from being used to assist U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This bill would require the Wyatt Detention Center to terminate its current contract with ICE.

The use of detention and incarceration to criminalize migration is deeply inhumane and does not make our communities safer. The ICE contracts at the Wyatt have caused significant harm to individuals, families, and immigrant communities in Central Falls and throughout Rhode Island. Our cities should not be dependent on detention facilities for economic survival, nor should immigrants be punished through ICE enforcement.

I urge you to consider bills **H-7436, S-2278** that would prohibit contracts with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and with private, for profit, prison facilities.