

I am writing in support of the passage of bill

**2026 -- H 7436**

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DETENTION FOR FEDERAL  
CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS

There is PLENTY of concern in the community about the continued operation of the Wyatt and the holding of prisoners under I.C.E. contracts and any collaboration with I.C.E. period!

The immigration system in our country is BROKEN and I.C.E. actions and I.C.E. detention centers ARE NOT THE FIX.

Rhode Islander's are proud people and champions for true justice. I.C.E. detention conflicts with the values of the community with a massive immigrant population.

I have been writing in support of legislation to end I.C.E. contracts and shut down the Wyatt for a number of years. Each year looking ahead and asking for this madness to stop... But look at us now the MADNESS has only escalated so rapidly and intense that it is hard to face the tragedies that are happening to OUR community members. Families torn apart from one another. Often with zero criminal records. Being undocumented is not a felony crime. Once incarcerated in these for profit prisons systems run by corporations that see head counts as profits with little concerns for the incarcerated individuals humanity. Those locked behind bars (often in cages) and held with lack of respect of their rights, often not given the protection afforded to other incarcerated individuals in our country. This system LACKS of oversight and accountability.

We cannot look away any longer and action needs to be swift and deliberate. Delay no longer. Do it this year.

Again, I write, don't use my tax dollars to support this federal administrations war on immigrants and the terror of injustice in our community.

Let's be BOLD!

I sincerely ask for your support for the passage of this bill and move to a full vote of the House.

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