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Subject: Opposition to H7439 – Harmful to Recruitment and Public Safety
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 7439, the “ICE Out Act.” This bill would prohibit Rhode Island law-enforcement agencies from hiring anyone who became a sworn ICE officer on or after January 20, 2025. I believe this proposal is unfair, counterproductive, and harmful to public safety.

ICE officers are federal law-enforcement professionals who undergo extensive background checks, training, and vetting. Disqualifying them solely because of their agency affiliation or hire date sends the wrong message and deprives Rhode Island of highly qualified candidates at a time when recruitment is already a serious challenge.

Local police departments need support from federal partners — not legislation that isolates them. When state and federal agencies are prevented from working together, it weakens public safety and puts both officers and residents at greater risk.

Rhode Island should be expanding its pool of trained, experienced applicants, not narrowing it for political reasons. I respectfully urge the committee to reject H7439.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Stead
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