



Planned Parenthood of Southern New England

**Testimony in Support of 26-H 8121,  
JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING THE IMMIGRANT IMPACT TASK FORCE  
House Committee on Judiciary  
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Dear Chair McEntee and honorable members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

In my capacity as the Director, Public Policy and Government Relations at Planned Parenthood of Southern New England (PPSNE), I appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony **in support of House Resolution H 8121**. PPSNE provided sexual and reproductive health care to nearly 10,000 Rhode Island patients last year and believes all people should have access to quality, affordable, and compassionate health care as a basic human right — regardless of who you are, where you live, your income, if you have health insurance or your immigration status.

People achieve reproductive freedom when they have full autonomy over their bodies and lives – this not only includes access to health care, but the ability to live in communities that are not over-policed; the ability to live without fear of having families torn apart; and to live without fear of harm from discriminatory policies. This resolution seeks to put into tangible terms the impact that federal action from Immigration and Customs Enforcement has on Rhode Island and on the vital immigrant population of our state. As ICE protocol blatantly exhibits racist practices – such as racial profiling – and a disregard for constitutional rights, reflection on the opportunities that Rhode Island has to mitigate this harm is necessary to protect all Rhode Islanders. To that same effect, it is just as critical to examine how ICE enforcement may be impacting the safety of Rhode Islanders as they access fundamental needs such as food, employment, shelter, or health care.

In line with PPSNE’s dedication to fighting for policies that comprehensively protect the lives of all Rhode Islanders as a way of ensuring that our patients, and our communities, have the resources they need to live healthy, safe, and self-determined lives, we urge support for H 8121.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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