

Hello,

My name is Demian, and I am a constituent from Providence, Rhode Island. I am writing to ask Senator Lombardi to support H8347 and Senator Diaz to support H8328.

House bill H8347 prohibits state and local police from using resources or sharing non-public information to assist federal civil immigration enforcement.

House bill H8328 permits Rhode Island courts to conduct hearings remotely and gives individuals the right to participate via video or phone.

These bills would not only protect immigrant communities from deportation and family separation by ending voluntary local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement (H8347), but also increase accessibility to justice for low-income individuals, working parents, and those without reliable transportation by removing the logistical and financial burdens of physically traveling to a courthouse (H8328).

Particularly, Bill H8328 would also increase the efficiency of the judicial system, allowing courts to process cases faster and clear backlogs, which ultimately respects the taxpayer by optimizing government resources, and benefits everyone involved in the judicial process.