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Dear House Judiciary Committee Chair and Rep. Rebecca Kislak,
My name is Cathy Seggel. I am I am a concerned Providence, RI resident.
I am in favor of the following group of immigrant-related bills as I believe they serve to protect everyone's Constitutional rights which are now being threatened at the Federal level. ICE/CBP have been acting with impunity since January 2025, even murdering U.S. citizens who were exercising their 1st Amendment rights. To protect ourselves and our immigrant neighbors we must strengthen RI legislation to ensure ICE/CBP follow the rule of law and be held accountable for their actions.

I urge you to do what you can to bring these bills to the full House for a vote:

1. The 364 Day bill (H7198) is important so someone is not deported for a misdemeanor offense. The following bills need to be presented to the full Senate for a vote:
2. Protecting our courts (H7360) is essential to protect every person's right to appear in court without threat of being detained.
3. Remote hearings (H8328), would go a long way toward eliminating the detaining of immigrants while lawfully appearing in court
4. (H8140/ restrict cooperation from state and local police from cooperating with ICE/CBP
5. HB 7436 prohibits the state from entering into or renewing contract for federal immigration detention such as the Wyatt Detention Center.
6. HB7211 requires ICE/CBP wear identification (name/badge number) and not mask their face.
7. H7202 would provide recourse for unlawful actions by allowing persons to sue immigration agents in RI State Court if they feel their constitutional rights have been infringed upon.

Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration regarding this package of immigrant-related bills.

Sincerely,

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