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RE: H 8328

Dear Committee Chair Hagan McEntee and House Judiciary Members,

As a resident of Providence RI, I urge you to support H-8328 to allow all RI courts to conduct hearings remotely and allow any party or attorney to appear by telephone or video conference with remote appearances having the same legal effect as in-person appearances. In light of ICE's recent detention of immigrants who are following the rules and coming to their court hearings, remote court hearings must become allowable under H8328. Immigration officers have been attacking the law-abiding immigrants rather than focusing on criminals; this needs to stop.

Please support H 8238, which will allow remote court hearings so that immigrants who are following the law can do so without fear of being kidnapped and held in inhumane conditions.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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