

I, Nathalia Dominguez, support Senator Diaz's bill H-8328 that would permit virtual or remote court hearings. Immigrants are being apprehended in front of friends and family as they attend meetings to obtain legal status. Innocent people fear attending court in person. ICE agents are producing more harm than good for everyone, and virtual hearings can protect individuals who are following the law.

I am also supporting Senator Lombardi's bill H-8347, which prohibits state and local police from assisting federal civil immigration enforcement by using resources or disseminating non-public information. Increased ICE presence in Rhode Island has made the community feel less safe. Allowing state and local police to help ICE carry out aggressive acts does not benefit our community.

I urge you to consider bills H-8328 and H-8347 to protect individual rights and prevent unjust arrests against people abiding by the law.