



May 28, 2026

Dear Chair LaMountain, Chair McEntee, and esteemed Judiciary Committee members,

**The Rhode Island Commission on Prejudice and Bias (RICPB) strongly supports 2026 bills [S3116](#) & [H8347](#), Restrictions on State and Municipal Cooperation with Civil Immigration Enforcement.**

Established by law in 1981, the RICPB is a state commission of community leaders, state legislators, law enforcement officers, and Attorney General staff with a mission “to study and report on [and] revise and codify... laws relating to all forms of prejudice, bias and hatred.”

Limiting state and municipal cooperation with immigration enforcement will allow us to keep local resources local, by ensuring state and municipal funds are not used for federal immigration enforcement.

Across the country and here in our state, individuals are being targeted for arrest based on their racial and ethnic identities, creating a chilling effect on vulnerable communities. This deters individuals from exercising their legal rights and further marginalizes those who already face systemic barriers. RI resources should not be depleted to support these injustices. It will lead to more wrongful detentions, weakened legal protections, and distrust between the community and the local law enforcement and judicial systems.

We urge you to consider the long-term benefits of this amendment and support its adoption, and thank the committee for its attention to this important issue. You are welcome to contact us at [calloutprejudiceri@gmail.com](mailto:calloutprejudiceri@gmail.com) or 401-648-9498 for questions or further information.

Sincerely,

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