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Honorable Members
Rhode Island House Judiciary

Dear Representative:

I am writing to express the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers strong opposition for bill H-6602, this bill would provide inmates access to confidential investigation reports within the Department of Corrections.

Allowing inmates or others access to these reports would jeopardize the confidentiality of investigations. Confidentiality is critical in an internal affairs investigation. If someone is interviewed believes that the information provided could be made public they would be worried about any testimony provided.

Another concern, is this legislation would provide inmates a weapon/tool that can be used against staff, all in an effort to intimidate staff from doing their duties. The end result of this legislation would be to undermine the Departments ability to protect staff from false allegations and to the protect inmates in the RI Department of Corrections.

It is with these facts in mind that the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Corrections respectfully requests that this committee reject this legislation.

Sincerely,

Richard Ferruccio

President, RIBCO