

To the members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Lauren Pothier, and I am a resident of Providence, Rhode Island. I live in House District 8, I am a constituent of Representative John J. Lombardi. I am writing to you today in **support** of House Bill H6637.

This bill will enforce that the legal standard for all detained people should never be made subject of sexual misconduct, abuse, or rape. Those held in custody are unable to consent to sexual acts, and this bill will ensure that there are no questions about that.

We must protect all citizens from abusive situations where they are powerless to those who hold the power. This bill will ensure that we are doing all we can to protect people from systemic abuse.

I also support an amendment to H6637 to expand this protection to people under investigation by law enforcement, and not just people detained or in custody.

Please vote YES on H6637

Sincerely,

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