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Subject: H7968 - ICE Ban Bill

My name is Jen Lamoureux. I am a registered voter and a homeowner in Pawtucket, RI.

I am writing to you today in support of H7968.

Our inhumane policy of indefinitely detaining those who cross the border seeking asylum is a human rights violation. People have a right to seek asylum, especially after the US has spent decades destabilizing their governments and arming the violent, right-wing, authoritarian factions from whom the residents of those countries are now fleeing.

Asylum seekers, like all immigrants, have a right to live their lives and to flee violence and persecution for their safety. They have a right to want to build safe lives for their children. How can they possibly do any of that while detained indefinitely in facilities that are known for denying asylum, even in cases where it is crucial?

The State of Rhode Island needs to end this inhumane practice within its borders and drive a larger, national move for other states to do the same. Mass incarceration does not make us safer, particularly of non-violent people who are seeking safety.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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