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From: katherinecoumes@gmail.com
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To: House State Government and Elections Committee
Subject: Testimony in Support of House Bill H7968

Dear House State Government and Elections Committee,

I am writing in support of Bill Number H7968; it gives us as Rhode Island a chance to try and limit the involvement of a harmful institution in our state. ICE breaks up families by incarcerating people not because they've hurt someone but simply because of their citizenship status; it damages communities by isolating people from each, making people afraid of participating in public life, and it degrades our state and our country, by turning us from a place that welcomes the immigrant and stranger to one that hunts them. The problems with our immigration system are larger than Rhode Island, and they're larger than ICE, but at least we can start here by limiting our cooperation with this one part.

Sincerely,

Katherine Coumes