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Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 2:26 PM
To: Senate Finance
Subject: FW: S2045, S2047, S2828, S2605, S2608, S2966, and S2967 SUPPORT

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Dear Chairman LaMountain,

My name is Kristen Lancaster, I am a co-founder of the Lil' Rhody Visibility Brigade and a resident of Cranston. I am writing to express my strong support of S2045, S2047, S2828, S2605, S2608, S2966, and S2967 because it is just common sense legislation.

I am in support of these bills because the Trump Administration has militarized ICE agents against communities for one reason and one reason alone, to normalize it and continue its use throughout our communities. The Trump Administration has let us know for years that their intent is to seek total control. ICE agents have been moved into airports and the Trump Administration has signaled they will send them into states during the 2026 election cycle. Like you all, I have been trained to recognize fascism and what the rise of authoritarianism looks like. As an Army Veteran, a former employee of the United States Attorney's Office, and a recently retired employee of the Social Security Administration, I have a first hand account of watching it happen while I worked during the first term and again over the course of 2025.

As I mentioned, I also worked at the United States Attorney's Office. Although I served in an administrative role for the seven years of my service, I can tell you that it is not at all normal for DOJ heads to tell a US Attorney not to disclose pertinent information to the court. The blatant staging of the Trump Administration to disparage Justice McConnell is abhorrent and every member of the RI legislature should be speaking out against Acting US Attorney Calenda's and the DOJ's actions. We should be deeply alarmed that Acting US Attorney Calenda chose to go against the Oath of Office that he took when he entered government service. While it is alarming, it also shows us that Rhode Island is not immune to the Trump Administration's overreach. We must pass these bills because they will protect Rhode Islanders and those taking part in the judicial system. People should not fear taking part in one of our three branches of government.

The fear of taking part is why the Deportation Defense Network exists. I myself take part in patrolling the Deportation Defense Network. ICE agents literally drive around the court houses and city streets waiting to grab people as they leave the court house. We all know of the many ugly scenes that have taken part on the streets of Providence and should be outraged that it is continuing. Just this morning,

the Deportation Defense Network had to mobilize because multiple vehicles were identified to be ICE patrolling the Garrahy Court Complex area. They were patrolling. Watching. Waiting. It is grotesque that we are paying tax dollars for these agents to just lie in wait for people doing the right thing. People who are showing up for court!

As we all know, ICE was created following lies spun by the Bush Administration. The foundation for DHS which houses ICE was a lie. Decades later we pay billions due to those lies. There were no weapons of mass destruction then, and today the grave danger is the Trump Administration and their implementation of Project 2025. Not any of the fodder they try to spread. We are allowing them to normalize the unsanctioned militarized ICE agents roaming the streets across the United States and the unsanctioned war. This is happening all because of President Trump's and others connections to the Epstein Files, as well as, their in plain site public corruption which we all see committed daily.

The Trump Administration has purposefully been attacking our federal agencies from the inside out by creating barriers for employees to complete their mission in serving the public. Policies are being updated through Executive Order bypassing Congress. The Trump Administration is working towards authoritarianism rather than working within the democratic institution on which the Constitution was created. It is why I retired 6 years early from federal service to become a full-time activist. We need to protect Rhode Islanders from this blatant threat on our rights. It is what we should all be protecting during a time that we see a dictator that has taken over our federal government and uses servicemembers and federal agents as his toys. The passage of these bills would be one of those actions that you all can do to protect all of us, as well as yourselves from the blatant federal overreach.

Like you all, I have taken an Oath of Office. The Oath I took stated that I would protect these lands from "all enemies, foreign and domestic." I mean those words more today than the first time I took the Oath at age 17. I know now that we all should be protectors of humanity, not any one person. I know you all also take an Oath to protect the people of Rhode island. I hope that you all pass S2045, S2047, S2828, S2605, S2608, S2966, and S2967 in order to fulfill that Oath to protect the people of Rhode Island.

In Gratitude,

Kristen Lancaster
Cranston, RI

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Dear Chairperson LaMountain and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jason, and I am a resident of Westerly, Rhode Island. I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bills 2045, 2047, 2605, 2608, 2828, 2966, and 2967—the Rhode Island Immigrant Protection bills.

These measures are critical to protecting immigrant communities and working families across our state. Immigrants are essential to Rhode Island's economy and the strength of our communities, and they deserve to live and work with dignity, safety, and security.

In recent years, we have seen concerning examples of the federal government undermining basic constitutional rights. At the state level, we have a responsibility to ensure that all residents are protected and treated fairly. As a Rhode Islander, I urge you to follow the leadership of the RIBLIA Caucus and take action to uphold these fundamental protections.

Legislation like this should not be necessary, but given the current landscape, it is essential. I respectfully urge you to support and advance these bills.

Thank you for your time and for standing up for justice and the well-being of our communities.

Sincerely,

Jason Plotkin
Westerly, Rhode Island

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From: Senate Judiciary Committee
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 10:01 AM
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Subject: PASS THE RIBLIA CAUCUS IMMIGRATION PACKAGE

I am a Rhode Islander deeply concerned by the actions of the federal administration and rogue ICE agents in Rhode Island. I am writing to urge you to pass legislation this session that will protect all Rhode Islanders, including Rhode Islanders who are immigrants.

States have the power to protect against constitutional abuses and civil liberties violations. States across the country have taken action to curtail some of ICE's worst actions in their communities. In Rhode Island, the RIBLIA Caucus has endorsed a package of seven bills that reflect our state's commitment to defending immigrant communities in Rhode Island.

Attacks across our courthouses, at work sites, and near schools should not be allowed to continue. Now is the time to protect and act alongside our most vulnerable communities.

I urge you to support the 2026 RIBLIA Caucus Priority package:

(S2608) | (H7211) Law Enforcement Mask Ban
(S2605) | (H7202) Rhode Island Federal Constitution Defense Act
(S2047) | (H7198) 364 Bill
(S2967) | (H8140) 287g Agreements
(S2828) | (H7689) RI Works Wait Period
(S2966) | (H8328) Virtual Hearings
(S2045) | (H7360) Protect Our Courts Act

Together, these bills would expand legal protections, promote transparency in enforcement, support economic stability for immigrant families, and affirm Rhode Island's commitment to protecting all residents from fear and discrimination.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Chairperson LaMountain and Members of the Committee:

My name is Heather, and I am a resident of Westerly, Rhode Island. I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bills 2045, 2047, 2605, 2608, 2828, 2966, and 2967—the Rhode Island Immigrant Protection bills.

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Sincerely,

Heather Weitzner
Westerly, Rhode Island