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## Support Senate Bill 2278

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Adriana Carlucci  
Committee Clerk

Dear Clerk Carlucci and Senators,

Please support Senate Bill 2278 to prohibit state and municipal officials or bodies from entering into or renewing agreements used to detain individuals for Federal civil immigration violations. This bill would help end the use of state and local resources for immigration detention and curb atrocious profits private corporations gain from detaining people in RI. ICE only came into being in 2003, so Rhode Island surely knows a time before immigration detention and with this bill, has the chance to eliminate IGSA contracts with ICE and the harms of immigration detention in RI.

The Central Falls Detention Facility Corporation and their bondholders capitalize on the city of Central Falls. The corporation has not paid taxes or any other payments to the city since 2021 despite sitting on land owned by the city. Contractors and bondholders profit off having a monopoly on the services available to people incarcerated in the Wyatt, making more with each bed filled in the facility. Any corporation gaining wealth from incarceration in Rhode Island is unconscionable.

Moreover, the Wyatt has an unacceptable long record of inhumane and dangerous conditions, including extensive evidence of medical neglect, from the medical-related death of Hui Lui Ng in 2008 to current testimony reflecting the denial of essential care.

It doesn't have to be this way. Instead of taxing the city of Central Falls with this financial, emotional, and moral burden, Rhode Island must end the practice of immigrant detention and shut down the Wyatt. Local groups have long organized against the abusive conditions and practices at the Wyatt and it is time to support Bill S2278 and support the community vibrancy of Central Falls.

Thank you,  
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