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Hi, I am writing to express my support for House Bill 5502 that would change the maximum prison sentence for a misdemeanor offense from one year to 364 days.

Under immigration law, certain minor convictions that are punishable by a year or more in prison may lead to detention, denial of necessary forms of immigration relief, and deportation for immigrants. By making a one-day change in the definition of "misdemeanor," this bill would protect hundreds of Rhode Islanders from these unnecessary, harsh immigration consequences.

this seems to be a very small legal change that would be very meaningful in many people's lives. I urge you to pass this !

thanks,  
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