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Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of HB5502, clarifying the sentencing duration for a misdemeanor is 364 days, distinguishing it from federal misdemeanor terms that are being used to detain and deport legal immigrants all over the country.

As more and more residents of our state and country are being targeted — often outside of the accepted bounds of law — it is important that Rhode Island take great care to protect it's resident populations.

Sincerely,  
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