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Dear members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Keith Catone. As a Rhode Islander who is deeply concerned by the ways in which immigrant populations are being made increasingly vulnerable in our country, I am writing to voice my support for H5502.

Federal statute establishes that an immigrant who (I) is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude committed within five years (or 10 years in the case of an alien provided lawful permanent resident status) after the date of admission, and (II) is convicted of a crime for which a sentence of one year or longer may be imposed, is deportable.

H5502 would make 364 days the maximum sentence for a misdemeanor conviction in RI. Thus, a misdemeanor conviction would not also then make someone further vulnerable to deportation. This is the right thing to do for Rhode Island. I urge you to support and vote in favor of H5502.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Keith Catone

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