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Dear Members of the Committee,

The Sisters of Mercy have longstanding commitments to anti-racism efforts, including advocacy for criminal justice reform. As a member of our Justice Team, I urge you to support HB 6041 towards meaningful probation reform in Rhode Island.

With one of the highest probation rates in the country, RI laws keep people trapped in a cycle of incarceration that disproportionately affects Black and brown communities. Detaining people on probation without access to bail, even for non-violent offenses, does not allow due process, costs taxpayers money, and perpetuates this cycle.

I urge you to restore fairness and prevent unnecessary incarceration, to support rehabilitation and restorative justice and pass HB 6041.

Thank you,
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