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Dear Members of the Committee:

The Sisters of Mercy have longstanding commitments to vulnerable populations, including immigrants and refugees and in this current moment in our nation's history, feel that call more than ever. Here in Rhode Island, our sisters have founded numerous ministries, participating in direct service and outreach as well as advocacy on behalf of our Critical Concerns, which include Immigration, Racism, and Women.

As a member of our Mercy Justice Team, I urge you to pass both H 5724 to prohibit state and local officials from entering into or continuing agreements with ICE. Rhode Island should be safe for ALL who live here and our residents have the right to drive, attend appointments, go to work and school, and live their lives without constant fear of ICE and family separation and/or deportation.

I also urge support and passage of H 5225, the Protected Spaces Act for the same reasons above. Public spaces should be just that, public and accessible to all, not places militarized by ICE agents when people visit the doctor, attend church, or go to the library.

I also oppose H 5663 as again, local officials should not be cooperating with a federal agency that has been cruelly mobilized for political gain without regard to the dignity of human life.

Thank you,
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