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Hello to the committee members,

I cannot tell you how strongly I support this legislation. Right now ICE functions as a Trump-endorsed secret police; they are routinely snatching people off the street all over the country, including in RI and MA, and disappearing them. Student visas are being revoked without their knowledge, and then they're detained for deportation in some of the most abysmal conditions. American citizens and permanent residents are being snatched up and deported, and the Trump administration is insisting that even if ICE mistakenly grabs the wrong person, once they're deported, they won't try to get them back or make amends.

The current administration is using ICE to disappear anyone they do not like, with free rein to detain and deport people with impunity. The bare minimum that RI can do is start chipping away at this process, beginning with ending ICE contracts. I want to keep my community in my community, and also understand that, if you allow them to continue operating, the current administration will continue to use ICE to disappear larger and larger numbers of people into the immigration detention system, regardless of their immigration status.

I support this legislation and think the committee should advance it for a full vote. The sooner we get this passed the better.

Thank you,
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