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Dear House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Samantha Thomas, I'm 15 years old, and I live in Providence, Rhode Island. I urge you to support bill H5724, in favor of banning the use of local resources in immigrant detention.

This is important to me because of the inhumane treatment detainees are experiencing at Wyatt Detention Center. This is especially pressing now as the Trump administration has been detaining immigrants without due process. Regardless of their legal status, the majority of these people do not have criminal charges against them and are active members of the community. Wyatt has an economic incentive to keep people there longer, which leads to the further mistreatment of detainees. This keeps families separated and often without hearing from them at all. Regardless of their legal status, all people deserve to know that their families are safe and deserve to be treated fairly. ICE's contract with Wyatt even endangers Rhode Islanders who are American citizens. Without due process, people are often falsely detained because of how they look.

Wyatt earns money by forcing detainees to pay for necessities, including enough food and extremely expensive phone calls. The state should not rely on the exploitation of these people to make money. This partnership with ICE is supposed to profit Central Falls. Despite this, it continues to be an economic burden on the state. Regardless of this fact, the state should not profit from people's suffering in the first place.

This bill is important to me, my friends, and many teenagers across Rhode Island, so I hope you will support it.

Sincerely,  
Samantha Thomas