

Name of Official
Title
Address

Date

Dear *(Elected Official or Police Chief)*

I am concerned about the Attorney-General Sessions attempts to compel local jurisdictions such as ours to directly support federal immigration enforcement. This includes the use of our local police to enforce Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) civil detainers, and hold persons for no other reason than their immigration status.

I am encouraging you to adopt the attached ordinance to protect our residents from these efforts because they are illegal and unconstitutional.

Local officials have no obligation under federal law to participate in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

To protect our Constitutional rights, this draft ordinance includes requirements for judicial warrants before honoring ICE, assisting victims of crime who may be eligible for special immigration status, and rejecting participation in program 287(g) that deputizes local police to act as immigration agents.

I am also concerned that using our police to enforce federal immigration laws will adversely affect our public safety and undermine good police-community relations.

This model ordinance is fully consistent with federal law and does not bar our police from cooperating with ICE when backed by judicial authority and mandated by federal law.

I am attaching a copy of a letter sent by the ACLU to all Rhode Island municipalities along with a summary of the model ordinance. The full text of the model ordinance is available on the RI ACLU website at:

<http://riaclu.org/news/post/aclu-sends-model-ordinance-to-all-rhode-island-municipalities>

Please consider these important issues that may impact our community and abridge the freedoms and rights we have under our Constitution, and consider adopting this model ordinance to protect us.

Thank you.

Your signature.