



**SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF COYOTE RI**

To the members of the House Judiciary Committee:

January 24th, 2022

My name is Bella Robinson. I am a resident of West Warwick, (District 27- Representative Patricia Serpa).

I am writing to you today in support of H7142 “ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS-CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (LC3374/1)”

H7142- Allows an inmate’s immediate family to be notified of and attend a parole hearing.

Not only do we support the right of incarcerated people to have their families notified and present to support them at parole hearings, we would like to know why any legislators or RI correctional facilities would oppose this.

We would also like to point out that the RI ACLU has had to sue DOC for unlawfully incarceration of juvenile offenders. [\*\*RI ACLU SUES DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OVER UNLAWFUL INCARCERATION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS\*\*](#)

For the reasons above, we ask you to vote yes on H7142

Sincerely,

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