



As your Cheshire elected officials, we condemn the inhumane and cruel treatment of a Cheshire family by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Last July, "Zia," a father of five who was in the country with his family after assisting United States troops as an interpreter in Afghanistan, was detained by ICE. He was eventually released with no charges. His service alongside US military has put his life in danger in his home country. On Monday, April 6th, his 19-year-old son Rihan, a Cheshire High School senior, was pulled off Cheshire streets and detained by ICE. He is currently being held at a detention center (prison) in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Ironically, this is the same location where immigrants landed in 1620 seeking religious asylum.

We, the undersigned, stand with the family in complete solidarity with our State and Federal officials, advocates, and immigration attorneys to work tirelessly for the swift release of Rihan. He and his family are valued members of our community and should not be treated as criminals.

The actions taken against this Cheshire family should shake us all to our core. This is not ICE going after the worst of the worst as we have been told; this is nothing more than the inhumane treatment of a family in this country legally. Cheshire is better than this, Connecticut is better than this, and certainly America is better than this!

Free Rihan NOW!

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