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I am writing in support of the adoption of General Rule 38.

Federal agents are content, in order to conduct warrantless arrests of persons on alleged immigration violations at our courthouses, to dissuade residents of our state from accessing our courts. The fear of participating in our public institutions isolates immigrant communities, making them more susceptible to criminal predation and in effect, decreasing the public safety and rule of law for all residents in the state, citizen and noncitizen alike. This is completely unacceptable. Washington state residents deserve and have the right to access courts in our state regardless of their federal immigration status. We don't expect federal agents to arrest people at our courthouses for federal tax code violations, and immigration status is no different (except that in the latter case, the federal government has dispensed with judicial warrants).

It is imperative that courts and police agencies in Washington state take steps to retain the trust of all communities in the state, in order to maintain public order and safety, even in the face of changing federal priorities to enforce civil immigration laws.

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