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Subject: Protect the Rights of Immigrants in Our State

My name is Don A Williams. I am a resident of Olympia, WA. I support the adoption of General Rule 38 which will protect the rights of immigrants in our state. This is important because:

- Warrantless civil ICE/CBP arrests at court houses instill fear in people who need access to the courts. All residents are expected to have unfettered ability to petition the court, respond to court requests/demands for appearance before the court, and to seek the adjudication of the courts in civil disputes. Now, immigrants have good reason to fear appearing at court houses as ICE/CBP has taken advantage of a person's public vulnerability to warrantless apprehension when they appear on courthouse property.
- The administration of Justice cannot be effectively carried out when Courts and lawyers cannot deliver the promise of equal access to justice and due process under law if a segment of the community is afraid to access the courts.
- The right to access courts is a fundamental right for all people, guaranteed by the First and Fifth Amendments of the Constitution. However, courts don't function properly when people don't feel safe coming to courthouse grounds.

The impact of immigration enforcement at courthouses greatly undermines public safety and the fundamental right to equal protection under the law that is shared by noncitizens and citizens alike.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,
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