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Family Health Centers serving Okanogan County supports the adoption of General Rule 38 which will protect the rights of immigrants in our state. This matters because:

- **Everyone should have their day in court.** People want to resolve their court matters, and they have the right to go to court regardless of nationality or citizenship status. However, these warrantless immigration arrests are causing community members to choose between going to court and being deported.
- **Community trust in our courts is critical.** If courts are viewed as staging ground for immigration arrests, people will avoid going to court out of fear. People are missing court due to ICE/CBP's misguided practices, and they are losing trust in the judicial system.
- **No one should be afraid to go to court because of their immigration status.** Immigrants and their families are being deterred from appearing in State courts by an aggressive federal immigration force that is spreading fear in immigrant communities. ICE and CBP officers' presence at courthouses and their warrantless arrests in and near Washington courts has a chilling effect on immigrants and their families and undermines public confidence in the courts.

Respectfully,

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