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Hello --

Agents with ICE and CBP are now regularly conducting arrests for alleged immigration violations at Washington state and local courthouses. The presence of federal immigration agents has increased sharply the past two years and ICE has issued a formal policy making it clear that they plan to continue these courthouse arrests.

Immigrants should not fear arrest when they go to state and local courthouses to conduct business or obtain records.

These tactics significantly interfere with immigrants ability to access justice in our courts. These arrests are not limited to people who have been previously deported, or who have been convicted of deportable offenses. Many of the people ICE and CPB are targeting have either no criminal history or a minor one. People who need to attend state court proceedings or conduct business at the courthouse, are dissuaded by the presence of immigration agents who may question or arrest them.

This fear of the justice system makes all Washington residents less safe.

I urge you to adopt policies that prohibit ICE and CPB from conducting arrests at state and local courthouses.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
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