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It is imperative that the Washington Supreme Court adopt proposed GR 38 as soon as possible. Whether as witnesses, litigants, or a person in need of a judicial order of protection, no resident of Washington state should fear accessing our courts. And, as an attorney who strongly supports and depends upon the integrity of our state legal system, I strongly believe that courts, litigants and criminal defendants should not be deprived of critical eye witness testimony because the eye witness is afraid for their own safety if they come to court. Nor should any person be faced with the choice of honoring a subpoena only at their personal peril. Washington state has declared it is a state that welcomes immigrants and acknowledges the essential contributions immigrants make to this state. This should be just as true in our courts. No one should fear warrantless arrest while they are going to, inside, or returning from a courthouse in Washington state.

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