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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support the adoption of the proposed amendment to Rule 4.4, "Respect for Rights of Third Person." The prohibition against reporting individuals to immigration authorities, currently in force in relation to attorneys litigating civil cases, should be extended to criminal cases, an extension that would cover all lawyers practicing in Washington State.

The Keep Washington Working Act, enacted into law in May 2019, did not address the issue of prosecutors collaborating with ICE and CBP; the proposed amendment, if adopted, would plug this gap, one which, unfortunately, prosecuting attorneys in our state have exploited, as a recent report by the Center for Human Rights at the University of Washington has ably detailed.

I urge the adoption of this amendment to the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Sincerely,

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