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My name is Don A Williams. I am a resident of Olympia, WA. I support the passage of this rule because:

- No one should fear that their immigration status prevents them from seeking justice, whether as a crime victim or otherwise. All individuals have free and open access to Washington courts, regardless of their immigration status.
- Without the community's trust in the judicial system, justice is mocked. When any attorney, including prosecutors, are viewed as an arm of federal immigration enforcement, noncitizens are less likely to go to the courts to appear for hearings, file for protection orders, or appear as witnesses, undermining access to justice. Immigration arrests are causing people to miss court. Lawyers should not be facilitating these arrests. Doing so undermines trust in the judicial system.
- Lawyers, including prosecuting attorneys, facilitating courthouse arrests is antithetical to a fair system of justice that must protect all of us. Lawyers must be trusted to keep one's immigration status confidential. Immigration status or perceived immigration status should not be leveraged against anyone.

Thank you for your attention to this comment.

Sincerely,
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