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To Whom it may concern:

My name is Mimi Stewart & I work in Real Estate Sales & Construction. I'm writing to ask you to support Rules of Professional Conduct – RPC 4.4 COMMENTARY AMENDMENT

We all realize that our hard working immigrants are being treated very poorly at the Federal level due to a lack of coherent policy. In addition, Trump tariffs are KILLING our construction supply chains.

Washington state now has the opportunity to join other states in protecting our immigrant workers! Our local economies will continue to suffer if we don't come together to ensure that our immigrants are able to live in peace.

My name is Mimi Stewart and 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.
- **Community trust is a cornerstone of our judicial system.** When an attorney is viewed as an extension of the federal immigration system, noncitizens are less likely to go to court to appear for their 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 results in undermines trust in the judicial system.
- **Lawyers 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 listening.
Sincerely, Mimi Stewart