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Dear Michigan Supreme Court,

I am writing to voice my full support of the proposed rule that, if adopted, would prohibit people who are attending a court proceeding or there for legal business, from being arrested inside Michigan courthouses for civil offenses, including alleged immigrants (ADM File No. 2025-14).

As you know, people attend court for many lawful reasons, including appearing as a witness, as a party, or for other official court business – and they should not have to fear that doing so could result in their arrest, detention or separation from families. A thriving judicial system requires people to participate without the threat of losing their freedom.

I am grateful that the Michigan Supreme Court is considering adopting this rule given the terror our immigrant friends and neighbors, who make up the rich fabric of our communities, are facing in this current climate. I also understand that this rule allows arrests in courthouses if a valid warrant is signed by a judge.

Thank you again for considering the adoption of this proposed rule, which, again, I fully support.

Sincerely,

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