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Michigan Supreme Court  
925 W. Ottawa Street  
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Dear Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court,

We write today in support of the proposed rule change to MCR 8.115 in ADM File No. 2025-14. This rule change is crucial to ensure that all Michiganders are able to conduct their business in a courthouse without fear of civil arrest.

This rule update would align Michigan with other states to ensure that individuals conducting legal business at courthouses – regardless of their citizenship status – are able to do so without the concern that they will be subsequently arrested for a matter unrelated to their business at the courthouse. This rule change would align with longstanding federal policy, only recently repealed, that assures legal matters can be appropriately adjudicated in Michigan’s Courts of Law without interruption for any separate civil matters. It is critical that witnesses, victims, and other community members feel safe going to courthouses; their active participation at court hearings or presence in support of loved ones, no matter the court case, is paramount to ensuring that our justice system works.

In the Michigan Senate, we took action by introducing and hearing testimony on [Senate Bill 508](#). Protecting residents specifically from immigration enforcement at courthouses was the policy for several decades under both Democratic and Republican presidents. The adoption of the proposed rule change would ensure that we continue these standard enforcement practices and mitigate uncertainty and fear while the legislature continues to consider this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this rule change that would continue to uphold the values of our justice system and ensure courthouse proceedings are able to proceed free from interruption. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

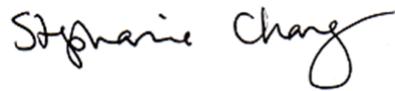
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