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Comment:

Dear Michigan Supreme Court Office of Administrative Counsel;

I am in full support of this proposal to prohibit the civil arrest of a person while attending a court proceeding or having legal business in the courthouse. 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.

The thought of someone in good faith who is trying to do the right thing only to be arrested is totally un-American. It severely undermines the public trust in our justice system, and certainly dissuades people from coming forward to take participate in hearings, as witnesses of crime or other injustices, or just normal on-going business.

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.

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