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Comment:

I support the proposal to amend MCR 8.115, 2025-14. People attend court for many lawful reasons and they should not have to fear that doing so could result in their arrest, detention or separation from families. A thriving democracy and judicial system requires people to participate without the threat of losing their freedom. As the State Bar of Michigan has stated, "

Judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement leaders across the country have warned that courthouse arrests undermine public safety by discouraging cooperation with the justice system. By adopting the proposed rule, Michigan would affirm that all individuals—regardless of immigration status—can safely use the courts to resolve disputes, defend their rights and the rights of others, and participate in all kinds of critical legal proceedings."