

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable

HB309 Judicial Facilities - Stops, Detentions, and Arrests – Limitations

House Judiciary Committee

February 2, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee:

I would like to offer my support in favor of HB309. **The idea that people are not safe from being arrested when they are on their way to a courthouse or other facility is shocking.**

Clearly, this maneuver could undermine our legal system by making it terrifying for people to come to court, whether they are plaintiffs, defense, witnesses, or just complying with regulations. People who need to check in with law enforcement or another agency are less likely to comply if they know they can be disappeared. HB309 provides protection against that, and offers some redress in case rights are abused.

Please support this bill and uphold the strength of our legal process.

I ask that you vote in favor of this bill. Thank you.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Carras', with a stylized, flowing script.

Michelle Carras