

**TESTIMONY FOR HB0309**

**FAVORABLE**

**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, Traci L. Baker, am writing to offer favorable testimony in support of **HB309-  
Judicial Facilities - Stops, Detentions, and Arrests – Limitations**

HB309 is necessary to ensure individuals attending court are free from undue interference, especially vulnerable populations, who might otherwise avoid the judicial system due to concerns about enforcement actions under the current federal administration.

As the Trump administration has directed the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents make arrests at courthouses, which were restricted under the Biden administration, our core belief of following the law has been undermined. This directive prevents immigrants from attending court hearings, required immigration court proceedings or check-ins with Immigration and Customs Enforcement that they had attended for decades.

HB309 will Prohibit a person from being stopped, detained, or arrested for certain civil offenses while the individual is in a judicial facility or is traveling within 1 mile of a judicial facility for the purpose of attending a meeting, a hearing, or another official proceeding in the Judicial facility except under certain circumstances; establishing that evidence obtained in violation of the Act is inadmissible in a proceeding over which a State court or State or local agency has jurisdiction; etc.

HB 309 will protect the rights of all residents and support the integrity of our judicial system.

I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

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