

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable
HB309 Judicial Facilities - Stops, Detentions, and Arrests – Limitations

House Judiciary Committee

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

I, Kelly Alexander, am writing to offer favorable testimony in support of **HB309-Judicial Facilities - Stops, Detentions, and Arrests – Limitations**

Immediately after Donald Trump took office, there has been a direct and organized attack on our basic rights. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents began a policy of arresting immigrants in and around court houses. Even if a person is in family, traffic, immigration or criminal court as a witness or victim, they are at risk. This means otherwise law-abiding immigrant families are forced into an impossible choice between arrest or automatic deportation, leading to increased absenteeism. This undermines the integrity of the entire immigration court system. The right to a fair trial under our Sixth amendment is a pillar of this country's founding. The USA is all the better for our immigrants, those from generations ago up to present day.

HB 309 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.

I urge you to vote in favor of this bill. to protect the strength of our judicial system, the right to a fair trial, and for our local immigrant families. Other states are filing or have passed similar legislation similar to HB 309. The best place to support change is close to home, thank you for your consideration.