



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, Kaylah J. Holder, am writing to offer favorable testimony in support of HB309- Judicial Facilities - Stops, Detentions, and Arrests – Limitations

Being a Black Woman in America, I've seen injustice in all forms. Seeing American citizens being stalked, accosted, and killed in the land of the free and the home of the brave... That's not the America my ancestors and your forefathers created for us.

Once Donald Trump took office, he enacted a new directive to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. This gave the department the ability to make arrests at courthouses. With this directive this prevents law-abiding immigrants from attending court hearings, required court proceedings, or check-ins with ICE which has been the standard for decades. This prevents law-abiding individuals from gaining citizenship the right way.

Immigrant families find themselves in an impossible situation where either they attend mandatory court hearings and risk arrest / deportation or miss court and find themselves receiving an automatic deportation order. This is an unimaginable situation that many Americans do not have to even think about, but this is a reality for many immigrants who are doing their best to become citizens the RIGHT way. This untenable choice has led to a surge in absenteeism, undermining the integrity of the entire immigration court system.

Choosing to pass 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. This will protect the rights of all residents and support the integrity of our judicial system
We need to make America Safe Again, and that starts with HB 309

I urge you to vote in favor of this bill. You have a choice. Let our voices be heard.