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Dear House Judiciary Committee Chairperson and Members, I am writing in support of HB 7160 which would prevent federal immigration agents from investigating, detaining, or arresting anyone without a signed judicial warrant at courthouses. One of the most fundamental constitutional rights we all enjoy in this country is the right to a fair trial and access to the justice system. These are enshrined in the 5th and 6th Amendments. ICE agents are taking advantage of the fact that immigrants are dutifully showing up for required immigration hearings or other court business to unlawfully detain and arrest them. This is a catch-22 for immigrants. If they don't show up for court hearings they are breaking the law, and if they do, they risk being unlawfully detained by ICE. This would also apply to immigrant domestic violence victims who would be reluctant to bring their perpetrators to justice for fear of being detained by ICE in the courthouse. All of this contributes to less safe communities in Rhode Island.

Please put a stop to one of the many unconstitutional tactics of ICE by passing HB 7360 out of the Judiciary Committee for a vote on the House floor.

Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration. Chris Campanile MD, Cranston, RI 401-222-9702