



MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

January 22, 2026

Megan Cavanagh, Chief Justice
Michigan Supreme Court
Michigan Hall of Justice
925 W. Ottawa Street
Lansing, MI 48915

Dear Chief Justice Cavanagh,

We are writing to express serious concerns with the proposed rule being considered by the Michigan Supreme Court that would prevent the enforcement of federal immigration laws within court buildings in our state.

This misguided proposal seems to contradict the very purpose of the court buildings themselves, which is to provide a place where laws are enforced and justice served. The proposal could make our courthouses refuges for dangerous and unlawful individuals. Judges are not lawmakers. For your Court to propose that federal immigration laws, which have been properly passed by Congress, and signed into law by past presidents (both Republican and Democrat), not be applied in Michigan courthouses threatens to undermine the uniformity of our system of immigration. Moreover, such a proposal would violate the principle of separation of powers, a key component of the Constitution to which both you and we have sworn an oath.

Should the Michigan Supreme Court choose to move forward with implementing the rule, making our courthouses “sanctuary buildings,” it is difficult to see how this would not have an impact on the future funding of some court operations, as the courthouse would now be an impediment to the efficient administration of justice.

We want to continue to be good partners with the Judicial Branch in ensuring your reasonable budgetary needs are met. However, that partnership could unfortunately be jeopardized should you choose to take this action; it has already been stressed by your decision to shorten the comment period for this rule. If you would like to further discuss this matter, we would be happy to schedule a subcommittee meeting, as soon as January 29, 2026, where information can be publicly shared.

Sincerely,



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State Representative
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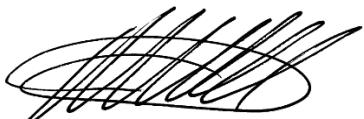
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c.c. Mr. Tom Boyd, State Court Administrator