



**THE TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
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Rep. Daniel Cahill
Chairperson, Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security
Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon Street, Room 527A
Boston, MA, 02133

**Re: H5305 An Act promoting rule of law, oversight, trust and equal constitutional treatment
(the PROTECT Act)**

Dear Chairman Cahill:

We are writing to express our support for the provisions in H5305 *An Act promoting rule of law, oversight, trust and equal constitutional treatment* (the PROTECT Act) which prohibit Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests within our courthouses in the absence of a judicial warrant.

As you know, there have been numerous ICE arrests within our courthouses over the past 15 months. In 2025, there were at least 614 arrests within courthouses across the Commonwealth. Since the start of the year, we have documented another 137 courthouse arrests by ICE.

We believe prohibiting ICE arrests within the courthouse will allow the Judicial Branch to operate free from external interference and ensure that our courthouses remain safe and accessible to all court users.

Sincerely,

Hon. Heidi E. Brieger
Chief Justice of the Trial Court

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