

Dear Honorable Members of the House Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing as a member of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice to express my strong support of HB 3230. Without question, immigrants make a vital contribution to our State's economy. That they face many unfair barriers is well known. Horrifyingly, most live in fear. The right to counsel is basic and integral to our concept of justice and yet Federal Immigration courts do not acknowledge this basic concept. This bill goes a long way toward addressing that egregious inequity.