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The following is a statement from the [Immigrant Defense Project](#) regarding the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) directive on enforcement in courthouses:

“This directive purports to be something new, but it’s really just a continuation of what ICE has been doing for the past year under President Trump’s leadership. In 2017, we saw an alarming 1100% increase in ICE courthouse arrests and attempted arrests in New York courthouses from the previous year. This policy will enable that statistic to continue escalating, and allow ICE to further target vulnerable immigrants, to hunt immigrants down in all courts, and to terrorize friends and family members. ICE will continue to stalk and arrest survivors of violence, young people, and people with serious mental illness, just as they have been for the past year. This policy will do nothing to change that practice. The threat that ICE poses to public safety and to the fair administration of justice remains.”

About the Immigrant Defense Project

The Immigrant Defense Project (IDP) is a New York-based nonprofit that works to secure fairness and justice for immigrants in the racially-biased U.S. criminal and immigration systems. IDP fights to end the current era of unprecedented mass criminalization, detention and deportation through a multi-pronged strategy including advocacy, litigation, legal support, community partnerships, and strategic communications.