

# YOUR RIGHTS IN IMMIGRATION COURT

## **IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND YOUR IMMIGRATION HEARING, THE JUDGE WILL LIKELY ORDER YOUR DEPORTATION**

If you do not attend your hearing and the judge orders you removed, you risk being arrested and deported from the U.S. Challenging this decision is a complex process, so it **is important to consider this risk when deciding whether to attend your hearing.**

## **YOU DON'T HAVE TO ATTEND YOUR HEARING ALONE**

A family member or friend may accompany you to your immigration court date, but ensure they can drive themselves home, just in case. **You can also request Accompaniment from a trained WAISN volunteer by calling the WAISN Deportation Defense Hotline at 1-844-724-3737.**

## **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO OPPOSE THE DISMISSAL OF YOUR IMMIGRATION CASE.**

If you have recently arrived in the US and your immigration court case is dismissed, you are at risk of being arrested by ICE and quickly deported. So if the government tries to dismiss your case, you can also ask the judge for more time to explain why you want to continue your immigration case.

## **IF YOUR CASE IS DISMISSED, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL**

If the immigration judge dismisses your case, you can appeal this decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals, which will review the judge's decision. **If you wish to appeal, please tell the immigration judge you want to appeal. You can also ask the judge for more time to explain why you want to continue your immigration case.**

## **IF YOU FEAR PERSECUTION OR TORTURE IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY, TELL THE JUDGE AT THE HEARING, OR THE ARRESTING IMMIGRATION OFFICER**

If your case is dismissed and immigration enforcement agents arrest you, the government may try to deport you quickly. **If you fear returning to your country, you have the right to apply for protection in the U.S., such as through asylum and withholding (Form I-589).** If you are arrested and transferred to the Northwest ICE Processing Center in Tacoma, please contact the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project at 253-383-0519 or 877-814-6444.



WAISN DEPORTATION DEFENSE HOTLINE

**1-844-724-3737**

MON.-FRI. 6 A.M. TO 6 P.M.



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