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Re: Proposed changes to CrR 4.11 and proposed amendments to CrR 4.6 and CrRLJ 4.6.

Dear Justices of the Supreme Court:

I am writing on behalf of Children's Home Society of Washington to express our opposition to the proposed new rules and amendments indicated above. Children's Home Society is a 108 year old private not-for-profit that works with children and families throughout the state of Washington. We provide a variety of services, including services to children who have been victims of abuse, neglect, sexual assault and other tragic circumstances.

We are concerned that this proposed rule would not allow a witness to object to videorecording, audiotaping or verbatim transcription of counsel interviews without penalty. The proposed rule groups victims who simply do not wish to be recorded into the same category as a victim or witness who is not cooperating. The wish to not be recorded should not be assumed to mean that a victim/witness is uncooperative. Recording a victim's account of such a traumatic event is a violation of privacy.

As a child serving organization, we are particularly concerned about the impact the proposed rules would have on children. The additional trauma experienced by a child witness/victim should be minimized, not exacerbated by the judicial system.

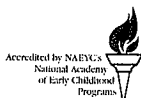
Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Laurie Lippold  
Director of Public Policy  
Children's Home Society of Washington



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