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RE: Court Rule CrRLJ 4.1

Dear Ms. Faulk:

The financial burden this would place on small cities like ours would be substantial. Instead of one to two days a week, a prosecutor would be required to be present up to five days a week for simple bond hearings. This would essentially make the prosecutors job a full time requirement. This would also require staffing. I believe this would increase the cost by more than half. Presently the prosecutor's office, including secretarial and intern time, uses about sixty hours per week pulling files, preparing motions, appearing in court and interviewing witnesses

The public defender would also have to be present at all times. Thus, public defense would also increase in cost.

This is not the time to be increasing costs to satisfy someone's ideology of how it should be. Small communities are having a difficult enough time financially.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment on this proposed rule.

Respectfully,

Donna M. Engle
Mayor

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