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Subject: Proposed amendment to CrR 4.11

Members of the WA Supreme Court,

I would like to comment on the proposed amendment to Court Rule 4.11, automatic recording of defense interviews. I feel in a state that provides great protections to its citizens in criminal cases, I find it shocking that this proposal has been made. I understand that the defense has the right to gather all of the information relative to the case for their clients and I am not arguing against that. My concern is that we afford the subject of an investigation the right to make the choice as to whether or not interviews are recorded. Why are we not affording the victims and witnesses the same freedom? To mandate that they have no choice in the matter, flies in the face of why the rule of law exists. It does not exist solely for the subject in a case does it?

I would ask that this amendment be revisited and not be adopted for the sake of the many victims and witnesses who come through our doors. They should be granted the choice, just as a subject is.

Thank you for your time,

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