

## **Faulk, Camilla**

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Dear Ms. Faulk,

The current practice of disallowing interviews at the whim of the person interviewed defies all common sense. All parties are best served in criminal proceedings by an accurate recording of what was said in an interview. These are not private conversations that are statutorily protected from recording. They are crucial revelations of evidence in criminal proceedings, and there is simply no good reason not to preserve them with recording.

The notion that recording causes intimidation of a witness is baseless. Even if it were a legitimate concern, it would be outweighed by the concern for a fair trial for a defendant whose liberty is at stake. Anyone who is charged with a crime in Washington deserves, at least, this protection.

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