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April 22, 2015

Honorable Charles W. Johnson
Supreme Court Rules Committee
c/o Clerk of the Supreme Court
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Dear Justice Johnson and Members of the Rules Committee:

The Superior Court Judges' Association (SCJA) petitioned the Washington Supreme Court to amend Superior Court Criminal Rule (CrR) 3.2, *Release of Accused*, in order to bring it in compliance with the case of State v. Barton, 181 Wash.2d 148, 331 P.3d 50 (July 31, 2014), which held that a criminal defendant shall be bailable by sufficient sureties.

The District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) is not seeking to amend CrRLJ 3.2 (b)(4), but if the court adopts the SCJA's amendment, the DMCJA recommends the Supreme Court adopt a similar amendment to CrRLJ 3.2 (b)(4) so the trial court rules remain congruent.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this comment.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judge David A. Steiner
DMCJA President

cc: Judge Janet Garrow
Ms. Shannon Hinchcliffe, AOC
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For you. ☺

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Dear Justice Johnson and Members of the Rules Committee:

Attached please find the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association's letter commenting on the Superior Court Judges Associations' proposal to amend CrR 3.2. Please let me know if you have any questions and/or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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