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Dear Clerk and Members of the Rules Committee,

As a law student and member of the community, I write you and urge you to adopt JuCR 1.6 to end the barbaric practice of shackling children without first determining that there is a need to do so. Simply put, this practice is demeaning on juvenile defendants, many of whom are only in custody because they are poor, homeless, or have families that are unwilling to take them back in. As a progressive and forward looking state, Washington should adopt this court rule that ends a practice that serves no legitimate government purposes.

Adopting JuCR 1.6 will not limit the court's ability to secure violent defendant's in juvenile court. JuCR 1.6 allows for a court to determine if an individual defendant is a risk to the court and will still allow for their shackling. Nothing in JuCR 1.6 limits the ability of the court to secure the safety of judges, clerks, officers, and other people in the court, but rather forces them to take a critical look at whether or not the draconian practice of placing children in irons is necessary to secure this safety.

JuCR 1.6 would provide a small shred of dignity to children facing criminal charges. I hope this Court and the Rules Committee Members will think of the children being brought into court in restrictive irons when debating the necessity of this rule.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

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