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Hello,

I am strongly in favor of the proposed rule changes limiting the hearings at which a defendant's physical presence is required. I believe the rules change would help cases be decided on the merits. Clients have often told me that they were resolving their cases because they could not afford to keep coming to court hearings because they were missing too much work. Repeated court appearances are also difficult for clients that live remotely and low-income clients, who often have difficulties with transportation and childcare.

Thank you,

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