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The Washington Defender Association (WDA) has proposed changes to two court rules that would limit the court hearings at which a defendant's physical presence is required. Defendants would still be required to personally appear at some court dates, such as arraignments and trials, but they could choose to appear through their attorney at other hearings unless a judge issues a written order based on good cause. I fully support these proposed changes. It will save judicial resources and indigent defendants from making costly trips to the court when their presence is not needed. Thank you.