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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support WDA's proposed changes to the court rules requiring the accused's attendance. Where a hearing is routine and does not involve an essential stage of a criminal case, i.e. a simple set over or continuance, there is no reason an accused person represented by counsel needs or should be present. This leads to congestion in the court system and as we've recently learned an unhealthy amount of germs being spread. In addition, many indigent accused persons have a very difficult time coming up with the funds for transportation to and from and for childcare.

Thank you for your consideration,
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