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Hi Kevin,

Thank you again for raising this important issue and allowing us to have a chance to provide input. I have asked members to directly email you with concerns.

The defense is concerned about organizations and entities having access to the JUVIS number that directly frustrating the intent and purpose of the Juvenile Justice Act of 1977. *State v. S.L.C.,* 183 Wn.2d 408, 352 P.3d 749 (2015) ("For as long as there have been juvenile courts in Washington, juvenile court records have been treated as different from adult criminal court records and have been subject to legislation providing increased confidentiality for them…"). Juveniles or former juveniles are entitled to sealing as part of the legislature's intent to treat children differently so when an organizations and entities to use this number to begin a "hunt" to uncover a sealed case is contrary to the law. While prosecutor offices have a legitimate purpose of needing to know about sealed cases to determine whether a juvenile case becomes unsealed, it is the outside use of the JUVIS number that is problematic.

We strongly urge the DDC to eliminate the JUVIS number for organizations, entities, and individuals that do not have lawful reason of needing access such as a prosecutor's office.

Best,

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