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Ms. Faulk.

My name is Edwin Aralica. I am a criminal defense attorney. I practice in King County: primarily superior court and felonies. I support the proposed rule 4.11 in regards to interviewing witnesses. As a general rule, it is important to acknowledge that law enforcement generally tape records witness interviews. It my opinion that law enforcement wants and encourages the tape recording witnesses I also have a specific example about recording witness interviews. In child sex cases, the forensic child interview is taped and video recorded. Then, this recording is generally played to the jury and the recording itself is admitted into evidence. There is a very good reason to tape record witness interviews—**accuracy**. In a trial, the jury has the opportunity to hear the exact words of the witness. Even with the best note taker, this is not possible. The accuracy of witness statements is so very important because most trials come down to the credibility of a witness. All of the stakeholders in the criminal justice community should care about the accuracy of witness statements. I believe that CrR 4.11 helps with this goal.

These above comments are my own and do not reflect anyone else's views or opinions. Please contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

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