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Subject: Please approve Proposed CrR 4.11 allowing electronic or stenographic recording of witness interviews

Ms. Faulk,

If we want to ensure that each defendant gets a fair trial, then we must be able to record interviews of witnesses. Defense attorneys only get one opportunity to interview the State's witnesses. Meanwhile, the prosecutors and police get to interview these same witnesses multiple times before charges even get filed. To level out the playing field just a bit, the interviews must be recorded. It is much too easy to claim a misunderstanding with regard to statements without recording. Besides, if a person is telling the truth, there should be no objection to recording.

Thank you for your time.

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