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I write to indicate my support for the rule allow defense recording of interviews.

As a long time public defender since gone private I have often found that witnesses prefer recording. They know that no one will be able to "twist their words" when an interview is recorded. It is far more economical and brings credibility and accountability to the interview process. I have never had anyone complain they felt intimidated by it.

Opposition to it reminds me of the opposition in the past to video recording. After it became more commonplace, police and prosecutors largely embraced it for similar reasons. Such a rule is long past due.

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