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Hello Camilla:

As the Program Manager and Victim Advocate for the Family Support Center in Colville, WA, I would like to express my concerns about CrR 4.11.

My primary concern is the issue of privacy rights for crime victims. I don't believe that an interview which has been recorded is necessarily a more successful interview. A victim should have the right to object to it, if desired. I have been present in these interviews and they are very stressful experiences for victims. Many of the topics discussed are extremely personal and sensitive. Requiring a victim/witness to submit to a taping of the interview just exacerbates the situation.

I am also concerned that there is nothing in the proposal requiring rules addressing minimum standards of accurate recording and interview practices. Best practice models need to be set to ensure reliability.

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