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Supreme Court Rules Committee
Washington Supreme Court
Temple of Justice
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Re: Proposed Rules of the Court, CrR 4.6 regarding depositions

Dear Supreme Court Rules Committee:

This letter is written to urge you to reject the proposed amendment to CrR.4.6 regarding the "good cause" finding for ordering a victim/witness deposition.

Allowing an interviewer to seek a deposition of a victim/witness under good cause even when the victim/witness has agreed to an interview is highly inappropriate. This proposed rule forces cooperative victims who simply do not wish to be recorded to be viewed as uncooperative. This is coercive and invades a victim's privacy.

Interview videos which capture the very personal, emotional, and traumatic experience can be further traumatizing to victims.

The process of navigating the criminal justice system already makes many victims reluctant to report. Adding this coercive and invasive amendment will only make the process more difficult, and is therefore more likely to be avoided by crime victims. They simply won't report.

Thank you for your consideration. I urge you, in the strongest terms, to reject this proposed amendment.

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