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Honorable Chief Justice Madsen:

I am submitting comments on behalf of the Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A), a membership organization that represents all thirteen Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) in Washington State and serves as the collective voice for their efforts to create communities that support people as they age. While W4A's goal is to maximize the individual's control in decisions that affect the delivery of long-term supports and services, we also recognize that guardianships are sometimes necessary vehicles in protecting our most vulnerable citizens. W4A supports any effort to improve our current guardianship system so that it functions efficiently and effectively in serving the needs and protecting the rights of incapacitated individuals.

W4A is recommending that implementation of the revised proposed rule on Access to Administrative Records (GR 31.1(L)(12) be delayed and that the rule be reconsidered based on the public comments provided to date. W4A supports efforts to improve transparency and public access to information related to professional guardianships, and the comments submitted to date indicate that the revised proposed rule needs further consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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