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RE: Proposed RAP 14.2 amendments

Dear Justices of the Washington State Supreme Court:

The Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers urges the Court to publish the amendments to RAP 14.2 as proposed by the Washington Appellate Project. The Court's proposal is unlikely to achieve the goal of accurately assessing an indigent appellant's ability to pay appellate costs, in part, due to the onerous reporting requirements. The Washington Appellate Projects proposal is more likely to achieve the goals of the Court, is more fair to the appellants, and is more consistent with the reasoning in *State v. Blazina*, 182 Wash.2d 827 (2015).

Sincerely,

/s/

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Dear Clerk of the Supreme Court,

Attached are comments from the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers on proposed changes to RAP 14.2. Please confirm receipt.

Kind regards,

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