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RE: Proposed ER 413

I am in support of the proposed ER 413. My county has a large population of people who may have immigration issues, and it behooves us to treat them with equal respect in the criminal justice system. I understand that there is opposition from the ACLU and the defense bar to imposing this rule in criminal cases. Their position is illogical. It makes no sense to tell a victim or a witness that their immigration status is somehow relevant in a criminal case but not in a civil case. ER 413 would allow for questioning about immigration status, if a showing of relevance is made. There is currently no showing of relevancy required.

Yours truly,

and James L. Nagle

James L. Nagle Walla Walla County Prosecuting Attorney

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Please file my attached letter of support with the Court. Thank you for your assistance.

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