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Good morning. My name is Sonja Hardenbrook and I am a staff attorney at the Snohomish County Public Defender Association. I am writing to support for the proposed criminal rules changes, specifically: CrR 3.7 (recording interrogations), CrR 3.8 (recording eyewitness identification procedures), CrR 3.9 (preventing in court eyewitness identification) and CrR 4.7 (reinforcing the state's Brady obligations and permitting smoother redaction policies for defender offices with respect to discovery to clients). These rules protect the credibility of our justice system. The most common reasons for erroneous convictions are lack of disclosure of brady material, eyewitness identification, and lack of recording of interviews. You can do something about it by passing these rule changes. If everyone is doing their jobs then there is nothing to fear by recording interviews/interrogations and prohibiting in court IDs which are very unreliable. Please act.

Thanks,
Sonja Hardenbrook