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To the Honorable members of the Washington State Supreme Court:

I would respectfully ask that you not enact the proposed changes from the Defense Council with regards to mandatory videoing of witnesses/ Confidential informants etc. At this time it is already extremely difficult to protect those people that choose to assist Law Enforcement with our investigations, regardless of why they have chosen to assist. If we lose the ability to protect our informants in order to make successful narcotics investigations, the people that would normally help Law Enforcement may choose not to any more. This would be a negative consequence for all of the citizens of Washington, especially in this day and age of opiods and fentanyl epidemics.

Respectfully,

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