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I write to express my great concern at a number of proposed changes to the Court Rules. I am very concerned with the changes to CrR 4.1. The court would be instructed to read an instruction to the jury to question the credibility of any victim or witness who refused to allow their defense interview to be recorded. It also would allow a victim or witness to have an interview recorded without being informed of their right to refuse to be recorded. This shows a disrespect for those who have become involved in the criminal justice system by simple virtue of having been the victim of someone else's criminal behavior. It gives witnesses and victims fewer rights than the average citizen of Washington State. I am also concerned that such a jury instruction would amount to a comment on the evidence from the judge. The Supreme Court should reject CrR 4.1 and the other proposed rule changes to CrR 3.7 and 4.7.

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