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Dear Court,

I am writing in support of proposed rule changes to CrR 3.4 and CrRLJ 3.4. Nothing in this proposed language would prevent a defendant from appearing at all hearings, but providing an option to allow people to appear through counsel at relatively pro-forma pre-trial hearings would improve court efficiency all around and would minimize the already disruptive impact of repeated court appearances on people's lives. These are reasonable and sensible changes that will not adversely impact the administration of our criminal justice system.

Thank you!

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