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Hello,

As a prosecutor we have an obligation to safeguard the defendant's rights as well as ensure that the case is speedily resolved. This amended change to CrR 3.4 will have direct and dire impacts to these obligations. We routinely see that continuances are granted as Defendant has not met with his/her counsel and the first contact they are having is in the courtroom. The forced interaction is often the only interaction that they have. This amended change will cause far more delays and continuances. This rule also essentially eliminates the crime of bail jumping as defense counsel cannot be called as a witness to testify in the hearing wherein defendant failed to appear. This also raises concerns about how paperwork on next dates and waivers of Defendant's rights will be handled. Put simply, Defendants need to appear to hearings to ensure their rights are adequately protected and safeguarded.



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