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Good afternoon,

I'm writing in support of the proposed changes to CrR 3.4.

For the past two and a half years, I have represented many indigent clients as a public defender for the Snohomish County Public Defender Association. Due to a lack of resources, my clients often face numerous obstacles trying to attend their court dates. Many cannot afford child care or rides to court. Even if they are lucky enough to be employed, most do not accrue paid-time-off and risk losing their jobs for missing work. This means that having to attend court makes many of my clients have to choose between being able to buy food or getting a warrant.

As such, allowing defendants to appear through counsel as listed in the proposed changes to CrR 3.4 will help limit one of the many disproportionate consequences indigent defendants face in our criminal justice system.

Please feel free to contact me to ask any questions about my support for these proposed changes.

Best regards,

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