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September 29, 2020

## **VIA EMAIL**

Honorable Charles W. Johnson  
Supreme Court Rules Committee  
c/o Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Temple of Justice  
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RE: Comment on Proposed JISC Rule 13 Amendment

Dear Justice Johnson and Members of the Rules Committee:

On behalf of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA), I am writing to express support for passage of the proposed amendments to JISC Rule (JISCR) 13. The DMCJA urges you to consider the importance of the proposed amendments to the availability of judicial information statewide.

Public safety depends on all Washington courts and our justice partners continuing to have access to statewide judicial information. If a court chooses to use its own case management system, it must nonetheless share critical data according to prescribed standards to ensure that all other courts and staff have the information they need to administer justice.

The proposed amendments to JISCR 13 provide for clear communication and collaborative planning between courts and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to ensure minimum disruption to statewide data sharing. They also make it clear that the JISC, as the top governing body for judicial branch IT resources, decides how those resources will be allocated. They also clarify that the JISC will settle any disagreements between courts and AOC if temporary measures are needed to ensure that courts and Washington citizens continue to have information that is critical to fair and just outcomes.

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The DMCJA urges you to pass the proposed amendments to protect the integrity of the information we depend on for the administration of justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

s/Judge Michelle K. Gehlsen  
DMCJA President

cc: Justice Barbara Madsen, JISC Chair  
Ms. Vonnie Diseth, AOC  
Ms. Vicky Cullinane, AOC  
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Dear Clerk:

Attached please find attached District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) comments regarding Proposed JISC Rule 13 Amendment. Comments are provided in PDF and Word versions for your convenience.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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