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The Honorable Debra Stephens
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Re: Proposed JISC Rule 13 Amendments

Dear Chief Justice Stephens and Justice Johnson:

The Access to Justice Board supports the proposed amendments to JISC Rule 13. Following the guidance of the Access to Justice Board Technology Committee, we urge you to consider the importance of the proposed amendments to the availability of court information statewide. To effectively represent/assist low-income individuals it is critical that legal professionals and the public have access to complete, accurate court records through modern technology.

It is crucial to public safety and access to justice for all Washington residents that they continue to have access to statewide judicial information. Every day the public depends on access to information from courts all around the state. We know that some courts already have their own case management systems, and still more are planning separate systems. Without a mechanism for those courts to reliably share information the public does not have access to critical information needed to ensure access to the legal system.

The proposed amendments to JISC Rule 13 provide a clear path for courts and AOC to plan for minimum disruption to statewide data sharing. They also make it clear that the JISC will settle any disagreements between courts and AOC on any temporary measures required to ensure that we and our clients continue to have information that is critical to fair and just outcomes.

The ATJ Board urges the Court to pass the proposed amendments to protect the integrity of the information the public depends on for the administration of justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Salvador Mungia, Chair
Access to Justice Board

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Good afternoon,

Attached, please find a letter from the ATJ Board regarding the proposed amendments to JISC Rule 13.

Thank you



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