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To Whom it Concerns:

I have 19+ years of experience as a Deputy Prosecutor for King County. I have reviewed the changes to CrR 3.2 and CrRLJ 3.2 proposed by Judge Ronald Kessler (retired), as well as the comments published to date in opposition, and share the concerns ably expressed in the comments submitted to date opposing the amendments. In particular, I adopt in full the comments in opposition authored by Don Raz and Kyle Houston. In cases of prolific property crime, DUI, and domestic violence offenders, it makes little sense to me to strip courts entirely of any discretion to detain them pending trial unless they are first given an opportunity to fail to appear on a new case. The public has a right to expect both that criminal justice resources, including jail space, will be used wisely and fairly, and that judges have the ability to make individualized decisions permitted by the current version of CrR 3.2 to detain those who have demonstrated multiple times in the past that they will not appear for court and will not abide by court orders while their cases are pending. I respectfully urge that Judge Kessler's proposed amendments be rejected.

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