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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email on behalf of the Washington State Bail Agents Association (WSBAA) as their elected president.

The WSBAA would like to express significant concerns with the pending proposed amendment to CrR 3.2 and CrRLJ 3.2.

The current Court Rule 3.2 is well thought out, efficient, functional and has been widely known as the "Gold Standard" amongst pretrial release and pre trial judges. Our association has worked diligently with the WA State Supreme Court to help develop and implement CR 3.2 as it is currently written. To the extent that there is a problem in Washington, we believe it is not the words on the paper, it's the implementation among jurisdictions.

I have been a bail agent for over 10 years and have countless stories of CR 3.2 working well. The current rule allows trial judges to look at several factors when determining a defendant's release. Including past criminal history, past warrant history and the likelihood to follow court orders. I have had family members beg the court to keep their family in custody due to drug use, violence against other family, theft, etc. The proposed change would not allow the court to take those accounts into consideration on most cases. With that being said, the WSBAA fully supports the least restrictive means of release, which in many cases is bail. Bail allows a defendant to be released quickly, with community support, to return to their family and place of employment.

The WSBAA thinks it would be a mistake to take such important determining factors of release out of the hands of highly experienced judges, in favor of a broad court rule.

Thank you for your consideration.