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Dear Supreme Court Justices,

I write to support the proposed changes to CrRLJ 4.8 and CrRLJ 7.6 set forth by the Washington Defender Association (WDA).

CrRLJ 4.8 should be amended. Requiring attorneys in courts of limited jurisdiction to get subpoenas duces tecum signed by a judge is unnecessary and can cause undue delay.

CrRLJ 7.6 should also be amended. Misdemeanor offense can occur while people are traveling, away from home, and in different jurisdictions. This is particularly true of traffic offenses. Appearing at numerous hearings in different courts, on different dates, can impose significant hardships for our clients who face extreme difficulties associated with transportation, childcare, and tenuous employment. Allowing judges to have discretion to have another jurisdiction supervise probation would be extremely helpful to indigent clients who have cases in multiple jurisdictions and/or jurisdictions far from their homes.

In Pierce County, our judges have imposed bail on post-disposition cases applying the criteria in CrRLJ 3.2. All jurisdictions should use these guidelines.

We also support allowing our clients to appear in person at his hearings, when they request an in person hearing. In person hearings are more personalized, allow clients to more effectively communicate with the court and counsel, and can result in more favorable outcomes.

Enumerating the rights of the defendant at a probation hearing would be helpful to ensure that a defendant's rights are protected and that all parties are aware of the obligations at a probation hearing. Probation hearings often proceed without adherence to these rights unless defense counsel

objects, files motions, and insists on compliance.

I greatly appreciate your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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