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I would like to comment in support of continuing virtual trials. I am in trial approximately 15 times a year on the most high conflict family law cases involving low-income families who are at increased risk of social inequities. I represent volunteer Guardians ad Litem appointed by the court to represent the child's best interest. Virtual trials have decreased the litigation and the conflict in most of these cases and provided broader access to justice to families who have challenges in accessing the justice system. It would be beneficial to continue virtual trials in family law for the purposes of equity and decreased litigation time and expenses. Virtual trials also benefit volunteers who are appointed to these cases by increasing the amount of volunteers willing to advocate for the child's best interest.

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