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Dear Sir/Madame,

I'm writing to offer my thoughts in opposition to the proposed changes to CR 39 allowing the court to order a Zoom trial over the objections of one or all parties. While it is easier for a juror to stay home and be on the computer, to me that is not the standard or test. In my experience Zoom jurors miss out on some of the importance of the case, the court room atmosphere and seeing the participants in person. Why throw out decades of practice permanently due to the current pandemic? One hopes this will end at some point and we can resume in person trials. I have had an in person trial this year, so some courts do still have in person jury trials. Despite what some say, I think the zoom trial juries are much younger and less diverse than in person juries.

Thank you.

Regards,  
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