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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in **opposition to the proposed CrR 3.4** changes that permit defendants to appear via Zoom for all hearings and stages in criminal case. This is fraught with dangerous problems including but not limited to:

- A defendant being violated or convicted who cannot be remanded if on Zoom, potentially creating dangerous situations for victims and witnesses, and problems for the State in ensuring a remand to custody
- A defendant taking screen shots or photos of jurors or witnesses, creating security and privacy concerns for people who are essentially compelled to participate in the criminal justice system
- Internet connectivity issues (whether on the Court's end or the Defendant's end, real or not) that could lead to "lost" testimony, creating situations where vulnerable victims must relive their testimony through no fault of their own
- Ensuring that a defendant's fingerprints are affixed to the J&S at the time of sentencing so that the conviction can later be "proven up" if necessary, and DNA swabs taken post-conviction
- Unimagined and untested issues on appeal about all of the above

This proposed rule also presents concerning social justice, access to justice, and equity concerns by permitting those with access to high-speed internet, broadband, and computers to appear via Zoom from wherever they choose and those who do not have those tools must appear in person. This will have the greatest impact on communities of BIPOC and immigrants and those who are disenfranchised.

Please, do not permit these changes.

Sincerely,
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