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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 the following:

- *Defendant being violated or convicted and cannot be remanded if on Zoom
- *Defendant taking screen shots or photos of jurors or witnesses
- *Connectivity issues and vulnerable witness or child having to testify repeatedly
- *courtroom decorum and respect for the authority of the court process and the court's exercise of jurisdiction over the defendant

It also presents huge 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 where ever they please and those who do not have those items to appear in person. This will have the greatest impact on communities of BIPOC and immigrants and those disenfranchised.

Please, do not permit these changes.

Sincerely,
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