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Good evening,

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 cases. Zoom appearances for Defendants will create the following potential problems:

- Defendants that are convicted and/or later found in violation of sentence conditions cannot immediately be remanded into custody, thus creating community safety concerns.
- A Defendant can take screen shots or photos of jurors or witnesses.
- If there are connectivity issues, witnesses, including vulnerable or child witnesses, would have to testify again.

This would also create 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 marginalized communities and those disenfranchised.

Please do not permit these changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

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