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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to CrR 3.4. Beyond the myriad legal issues, allowing defendants to appear via Zoom at all stages in a criminal case unfairly and inequitably bestows a privilege on the defendant that that no other court participants, significantly witnesses and victims, are provided. Not only is this unfair, but it also incorrectly sends a message to witnesses and victims that their voices and their rights are less important than those of the defendant. This is in direct contradiction of the legislative guidance provided in RCW 7.69.010 which reads, in pertinent part: "The legislature further intends to ensure that all victims and witnesses of crime are treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity; and that the rights extended in this chapter to victims, survivors of victims, and witnesses of crime are honored and protected by law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and judges in a manner no less vigorous than the protections afforded criminal defendants." Please do not be complicit in denying victims, survivors of victims, and witnesses of crimes the protections and rights that they deserve.

Do not permit these changes.

Sincerely,

Dan Carew  
Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney